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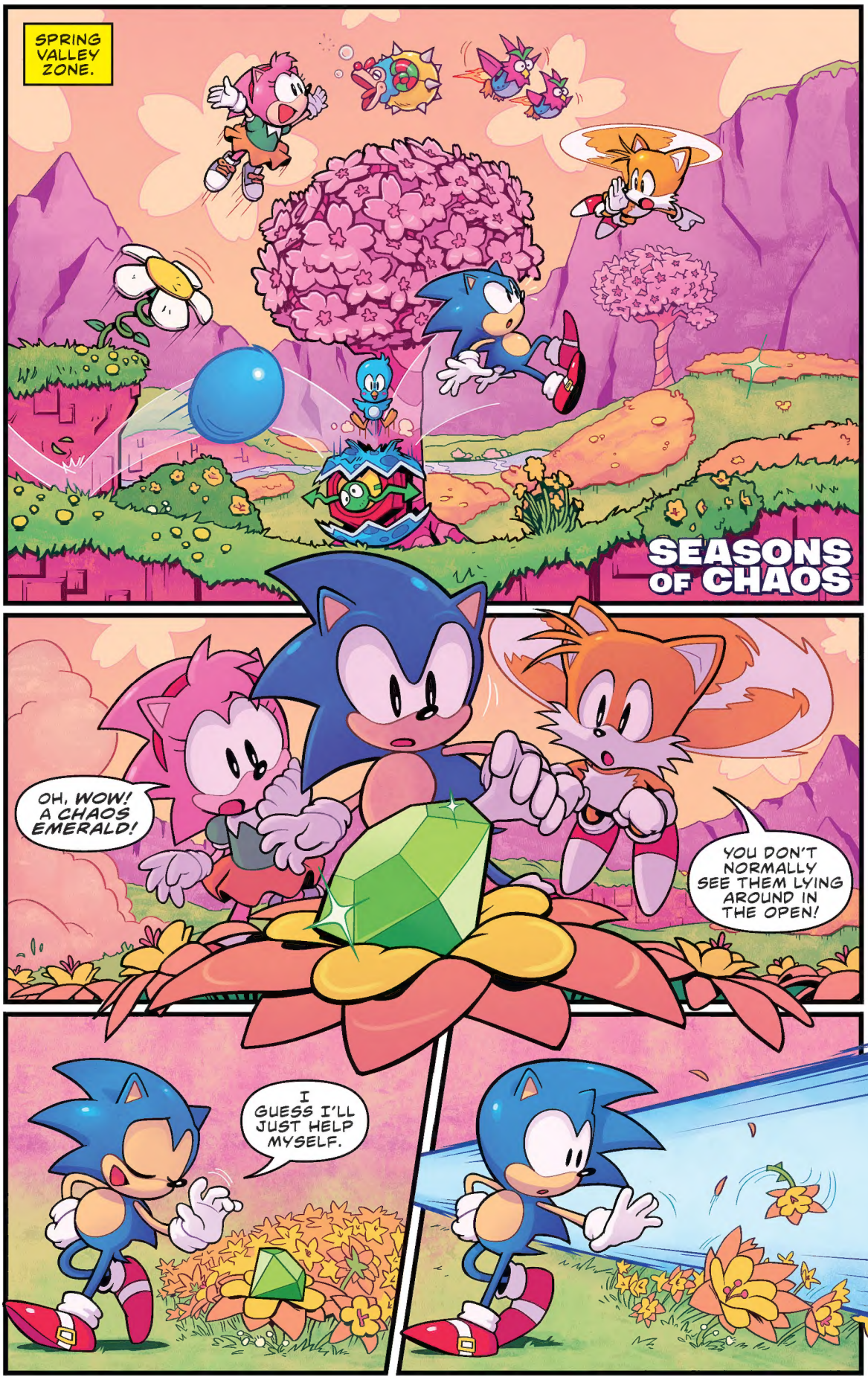
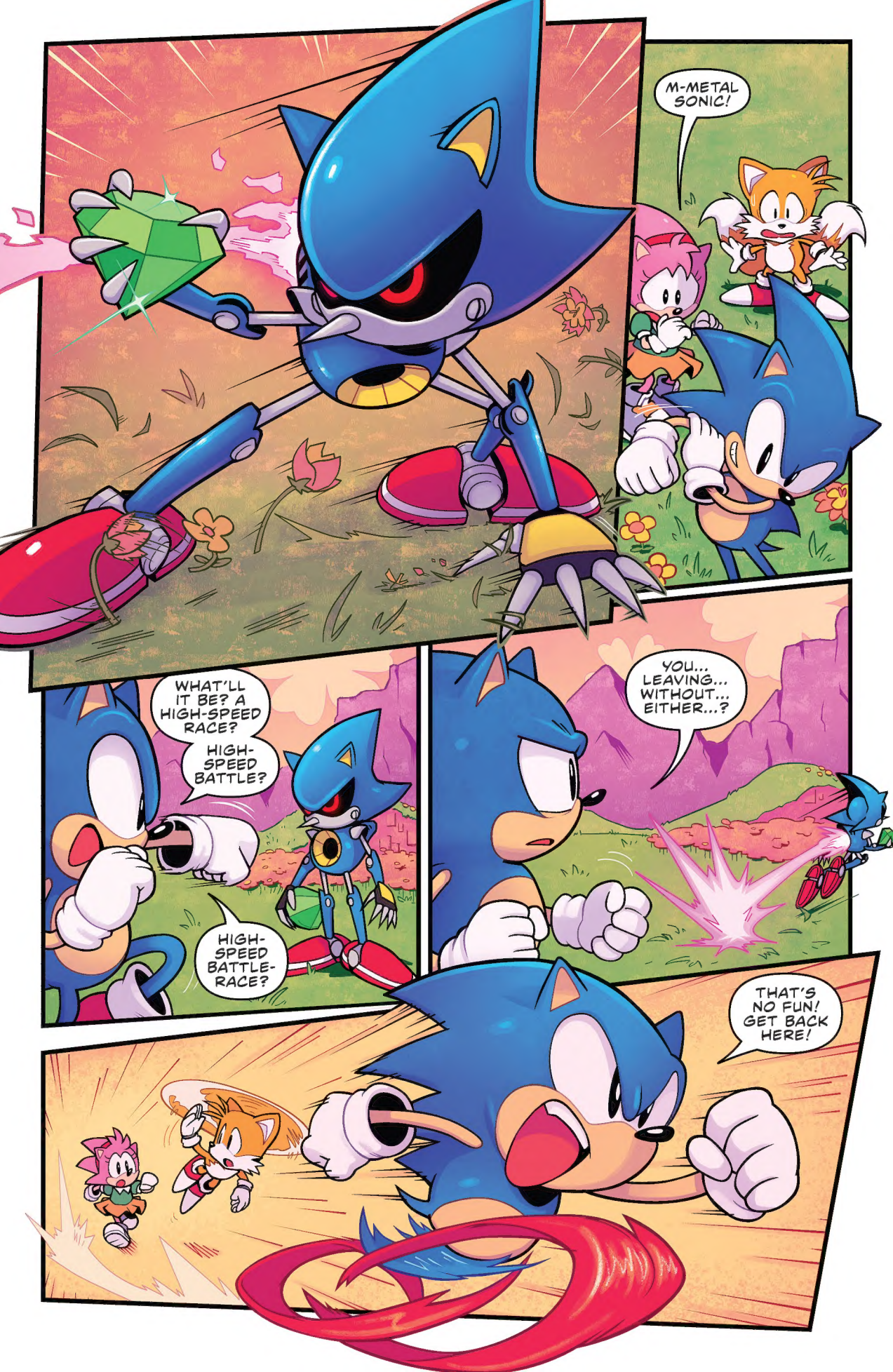
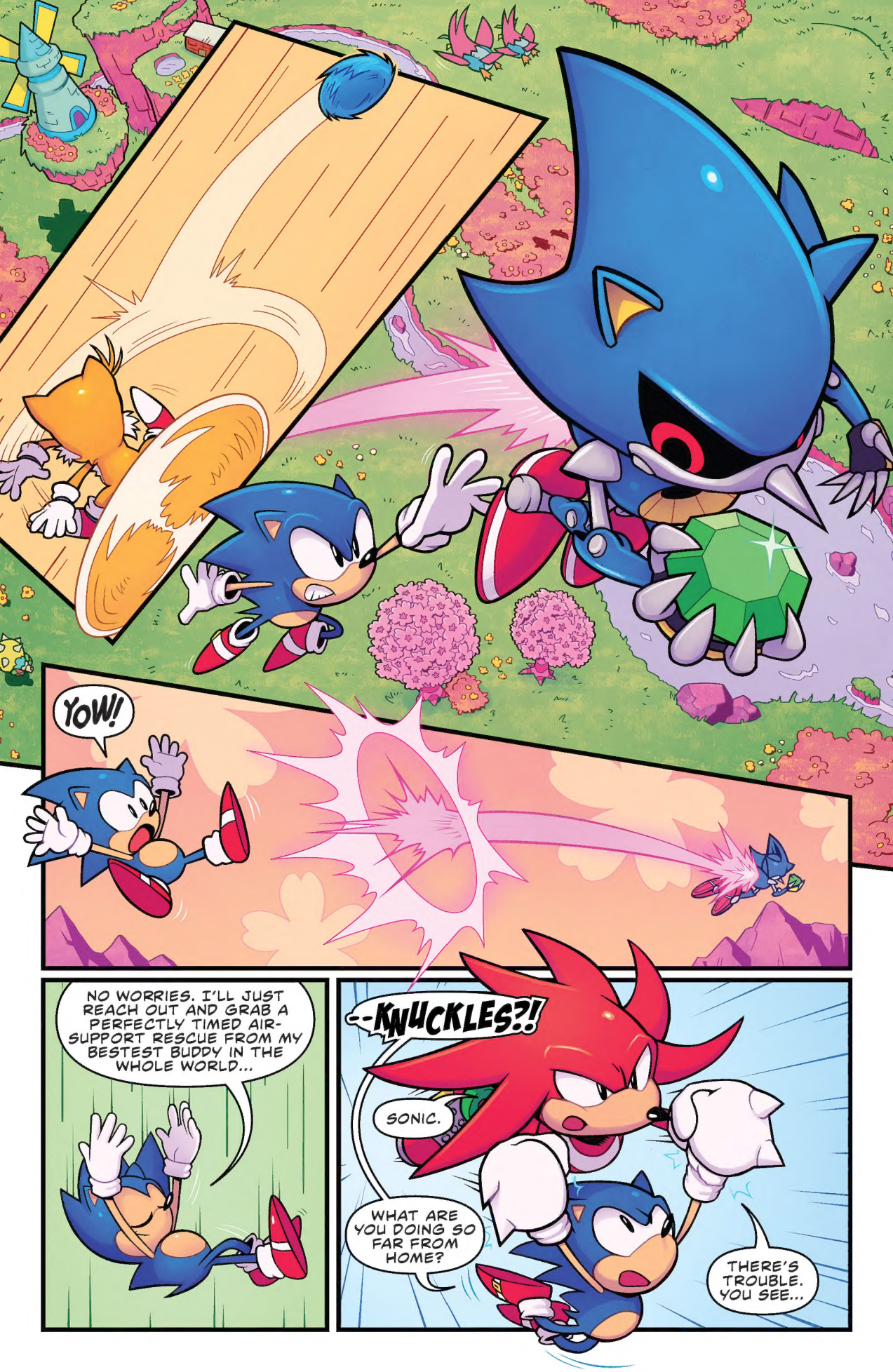
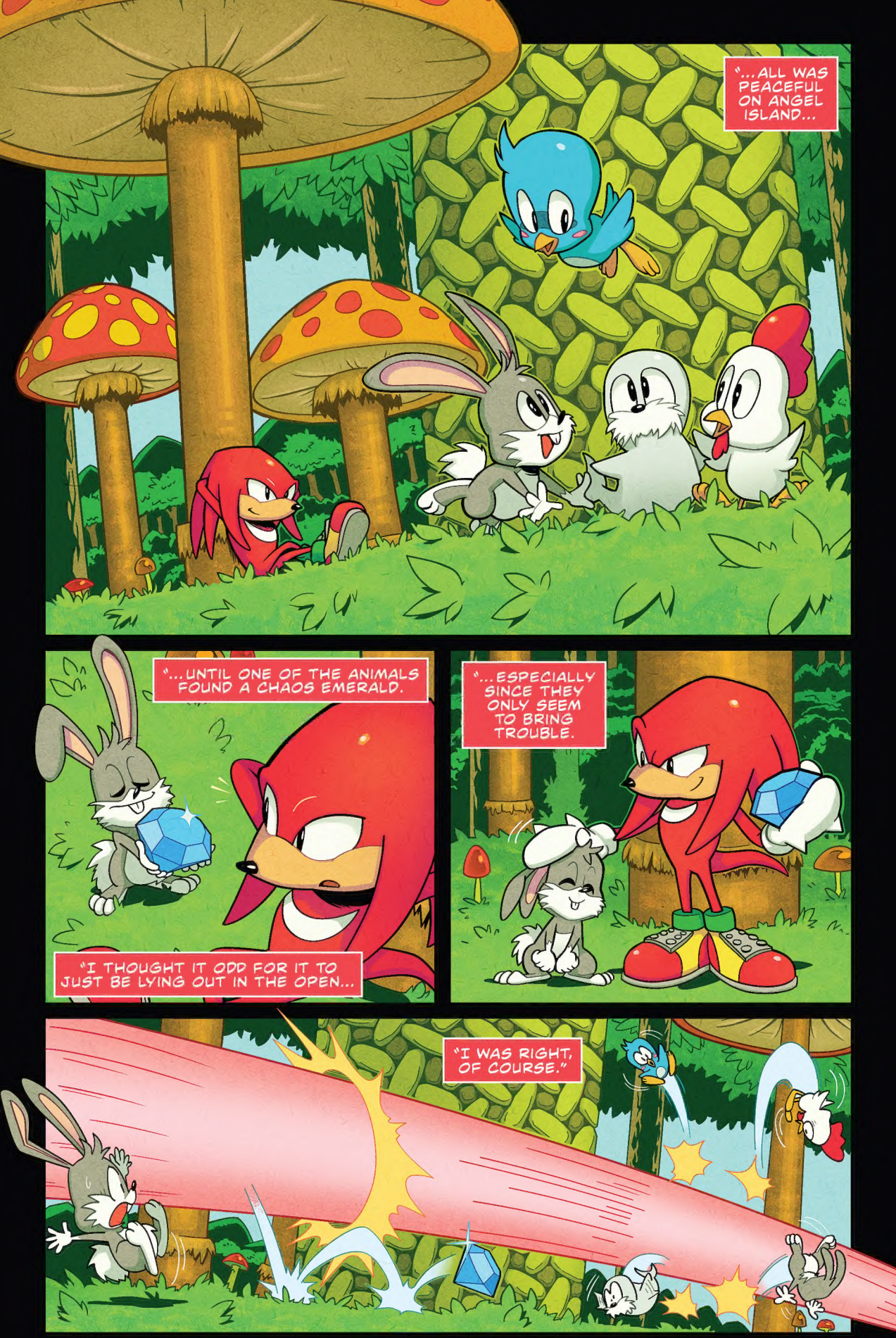
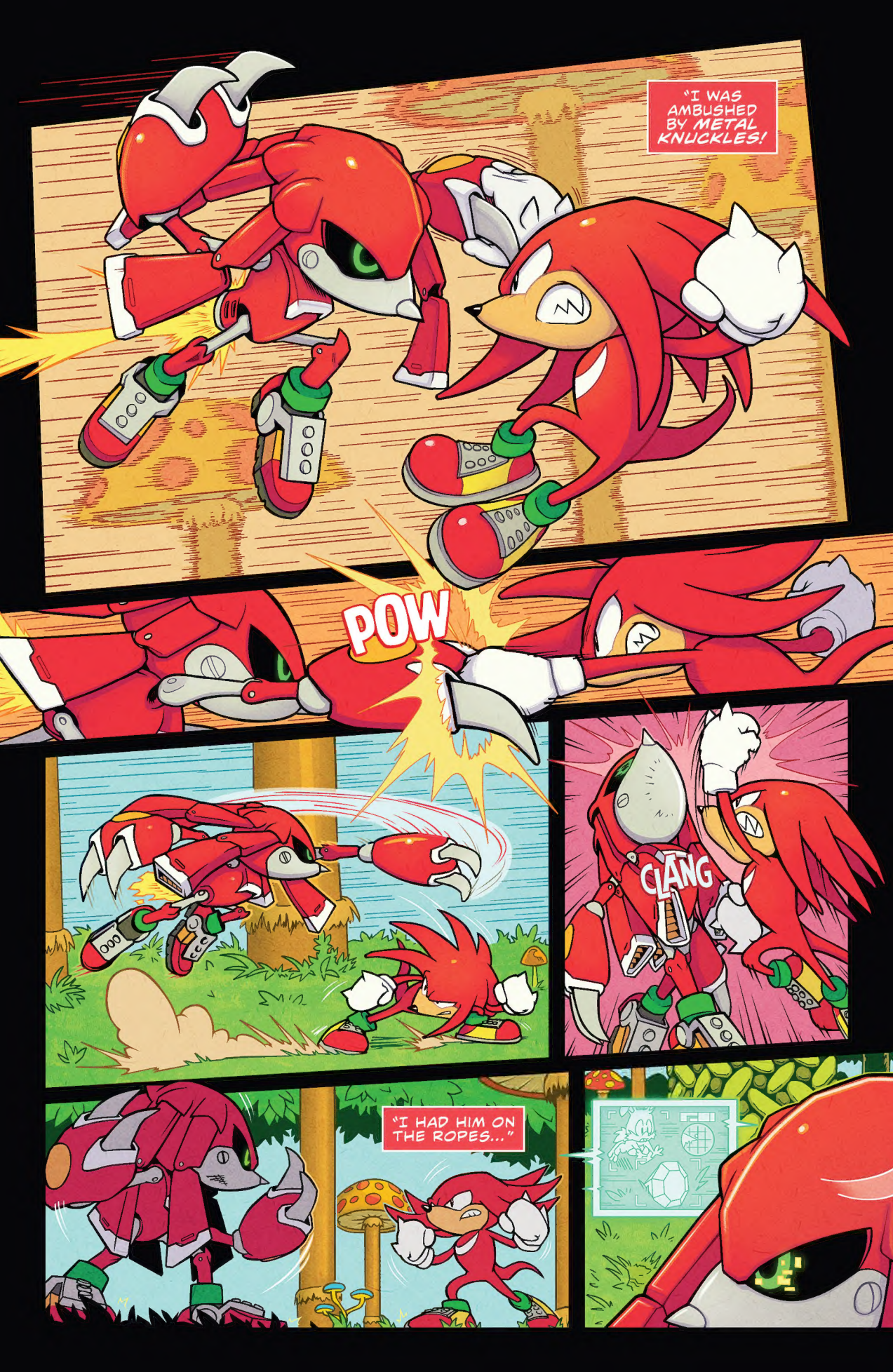

SPRING VALLEY ZONE.
SEASONS OF CHAOS
OH, WOW! A CHAOS EMERALD!
YOU DON'T NORMALLY SEE THEM LYING AROUND IN THE OPEN!
I GUESS I'LL JUST HELP MYSELF.


M-METAL SONIC!
WHAT'LL IT BE? A HIGH-SPEED RACE?
HIGH-SPEED BATTLE?
HIGH-SPEED BATTLE-RACE?
YOU... LEAVING... WITHOUT... EITHER...?
THAT'S NO FUN! GET BACK HERE!

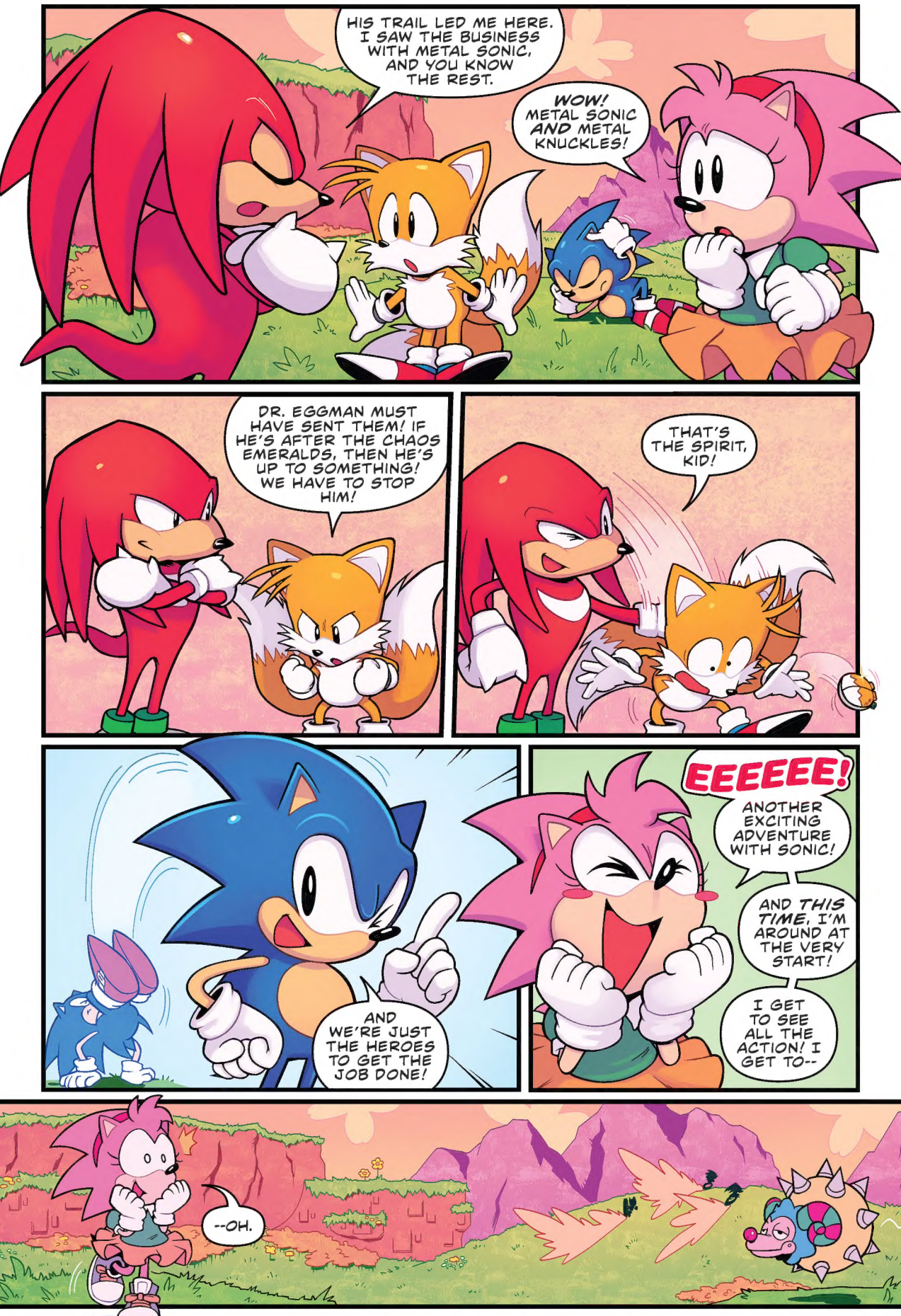
AMY! I NEED A BOOST!
YOU'RE A WONDERFUL PERSON, AND PEOPLE SAY NICE THINGS ABOUT YOU!
VERTICALLY.
OH! M-MY MISTAKE!
PIKO
I'VE GOT YOU!
ATTAWAY, TAILS!

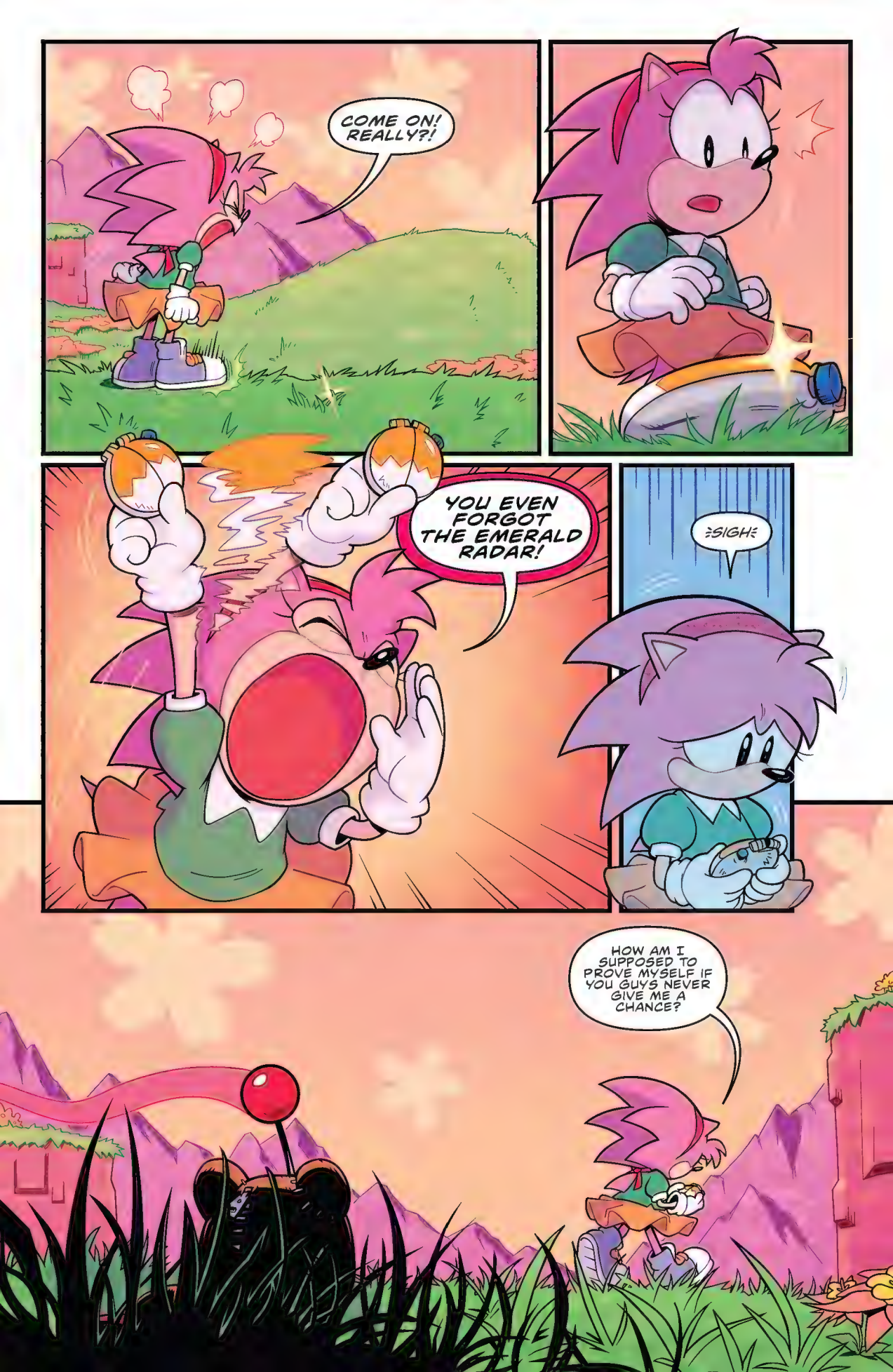

YOW!
NO WORRIES. I'LL JUST REACH OUT AND GRAB A PERFECTLY TIMED AIR-SUPPORT RESCUE FROM MY BESTEST BUDDY IN THE WHOLE WORLD...
--KNUCKLES?!
SONIC.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING SO FAR FROM HOME?
THERE'S TROUBLE. YOU SEE...


"...ALL WAS PEACEFUL ON ANGEL ISLAND...
"...UNTIL ONE OF THE ANIMALS FOUND A CHAOS EMERALD.
"I THOUGHT IT ODD FOR IT TO JUST BE LYING OUT IN THE OPEN...
"...ESPECIALLY SINCE THEY ONLY SEEM TO BRING TROUBLE.
"I WAS RIGHT, OF COURSE."

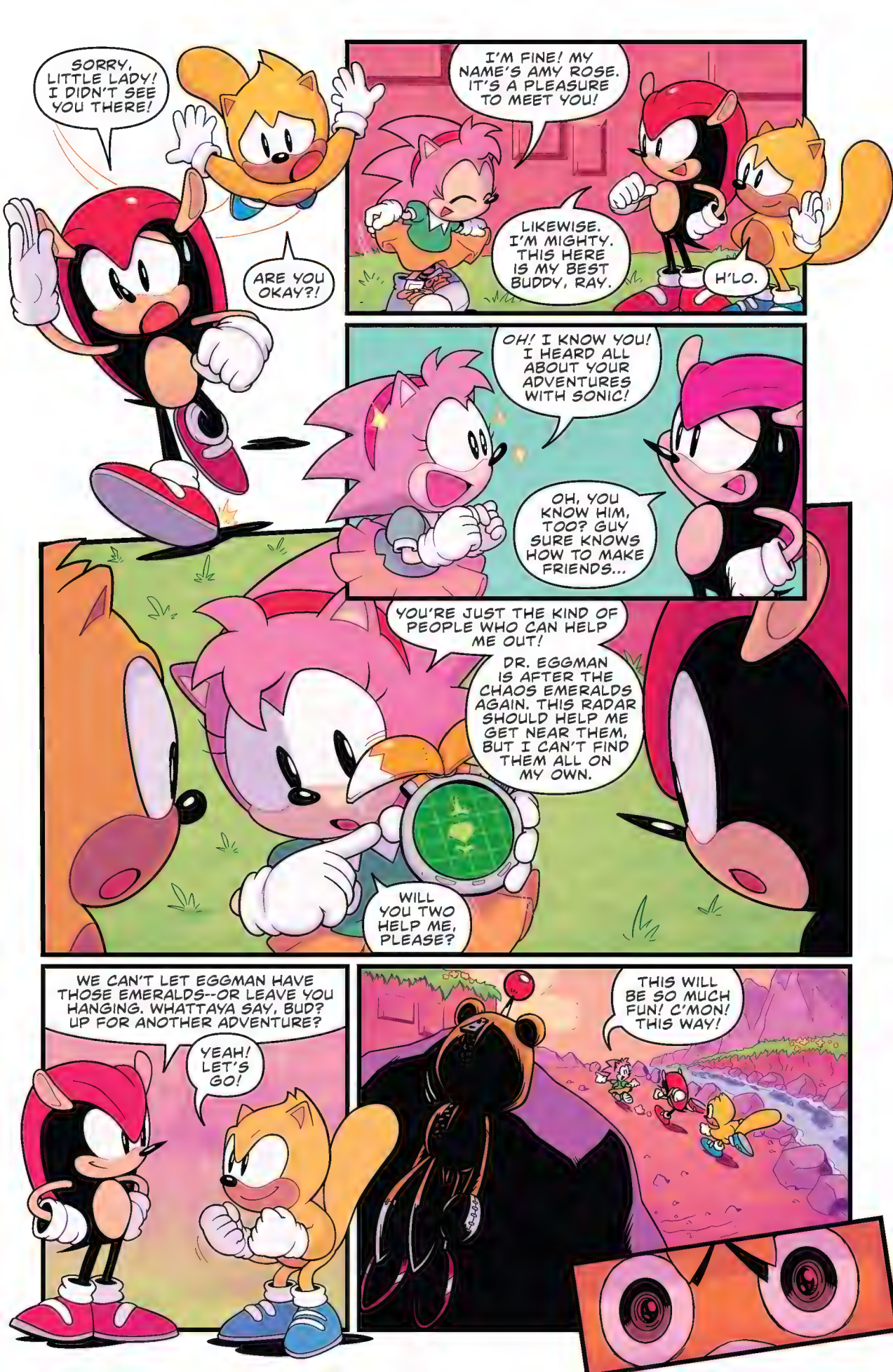

"I WAS AMBUSHED BY METAL KNUCKLES!
POW
CLANG
"I HAD HIM ON THE ROPES..."

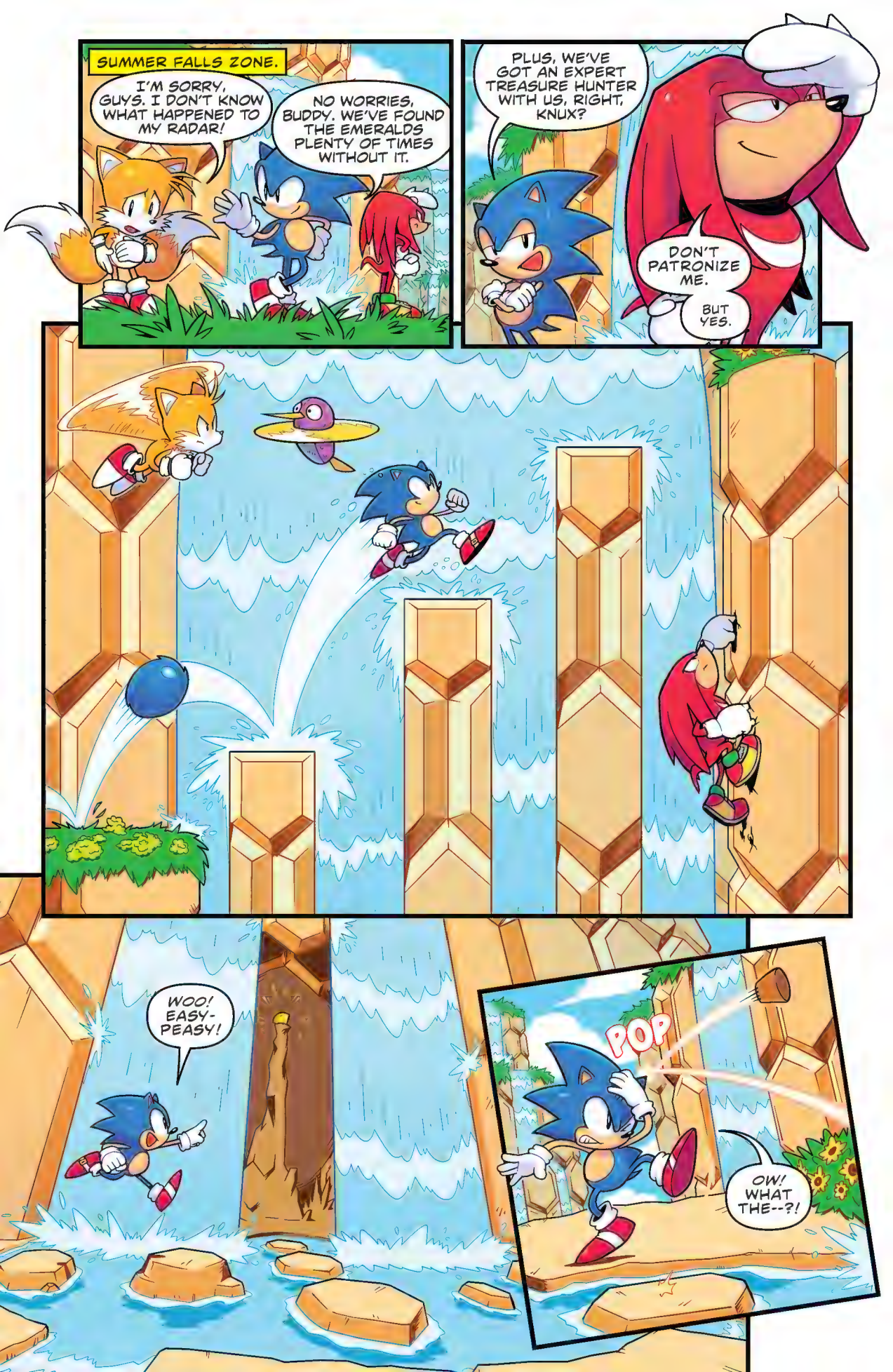
"...UNTIL HE DECIDED TO FIGHT DIRTY.
SHUNK
"I TRIED TO CHASE HIM DOWN, BUT HE HAD TOO MUCH OF A HEAD START."


HIS TRAIL LED ME HERE. I SAW THE BUSINESS WITH METAL SONIC, AND YOU KNOW THE REST.
WOW! METAL SONIC AND METAL KNUCKLES!
DR. EGGMAN MUST HAVE SENT THEM! IF HE'S AFTER THE CHAOS EMERALDS, THEN HE'S UP TO SOMETHING! WE HAVE TO STOP HIM!
THAT'S THE SPIRIT, KID!
AND WE'RE JUST THE HEROES TO GET THE JOB DONE!
EEEEEE!
ANOTHER EXCITING ADVENTURE WITH SONIC!
AND THIS TIME, I'M AROUND AT THE VERY START!
I GET TO SEE ALL THE ACTION! I GET TO--
--OH.

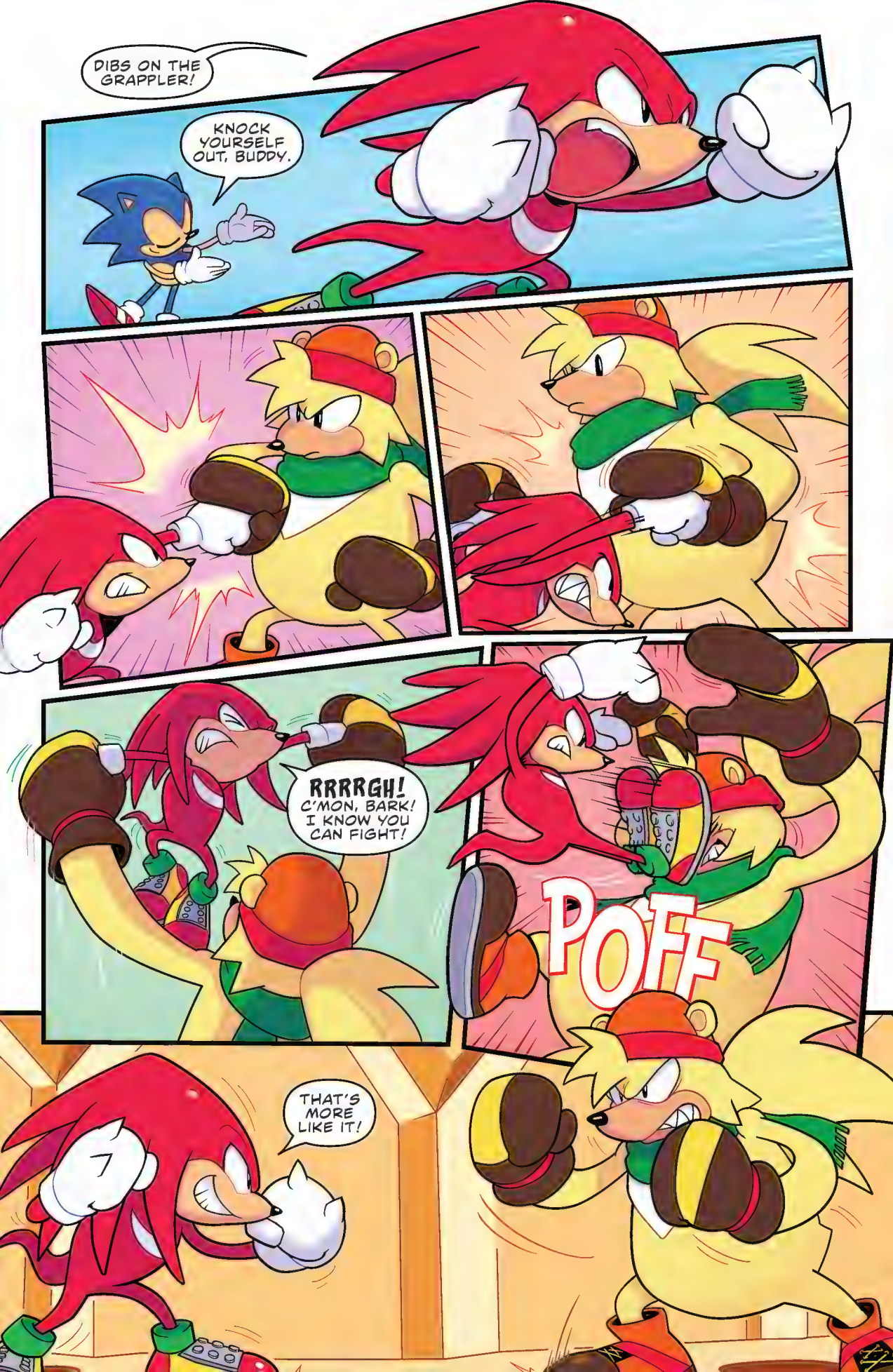

COME ON! REALLY?!
YOU EVEN FORGOT THE EMERALD RADAR!
SIGH
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO PROVE MYSELF IF YOU GUYS NEVER GIVE ME A CHANCE?

I GUESS I COULD FOLLOW THEM... BUT IT WOULDN'T BE SAFE ON MY OWN...
CRASH
NICELY DONE! READY FOR ANOTHER ONE?
LET IT FLY!
WEE-HEE-EE
CRASH


SORRY, LITTLE LADY! I DIDN'T SEE YOU THERE!
ARE YOU OKAY?!
I'M FINE! MY NAME'S AMY ROSE. IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU!
LIKEWISE. I'M MIGHTY. THIS HERE IS MY BEST BUDDY, RAY.
H'LO.
OH! I KNOW YOU! I HEARD ALL ABOUT YOUR ADVENTURES WITH SONIC!
OH, YOU KNOW HIM, TOO? GUY SURE KNOWS HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS...
YOU'RE JUST THE KIND OF PEOPLE WHO CAN HELP ME OUT!
DR. EGGMAN IS AFTER THE CHAOS EMERALDS AGAIN. THIS RADAR SHOULD HELP ME GET NEAR THEM, BUT I CAN'T FIND THEM ALL ON MY OWN.
WILL YOU TWO HELP ME, PLEASE?
WE CAN'T LET EGGMAN HAVE THOSE EMERALDS--OR LEAVE YOU HANGING. WHATTAYA SAY, BUD? UP FOR ANOTHER ADVENTURE?
YEAH! LET'S GO!
THIS WILL BE SO MUCH FUN! C'MON! THIS WAY!


SUMMER FALLS ZONE.
I'M SORRY, GUYS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO MY RADAR!
NO WORRIES, BUDDY. WE'VE FOUND THE EMERALDS PLENTY OF TIMES WITHOUT IT.
PLUS, WE'VE GOT AN EXPERT TREASURE HUNTER WITH US, RIGHT, KNUX?
DON'T PATRONIZE ME.
BUT YES.
WOO! EASY-PEASY!
POP
OW! WHAT THE--?!

OH, GREAT. IT'S...
...BARK, FANG, AND BEAN!
HEY THERE, FLEET-FEET. ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO SNIPE YOU!
WE'RE BUSY, FANG. WHAT DO YOU WANT?
DR. EGGMAN PROMISED A HEFTY REWARD IF WE BRING HIM ALL THE CHAOS EMERALDS.
NO PROBLEM FOR A TREASURE HUNTER LIKE ME, OF COURSE!
BUT SINCE YOU THREE WILL MAKE IT A PROBLEM, I'LL HAVE MY BOYS RUN INTERFERENCE.
GET TO WORK, YA MOOKS!

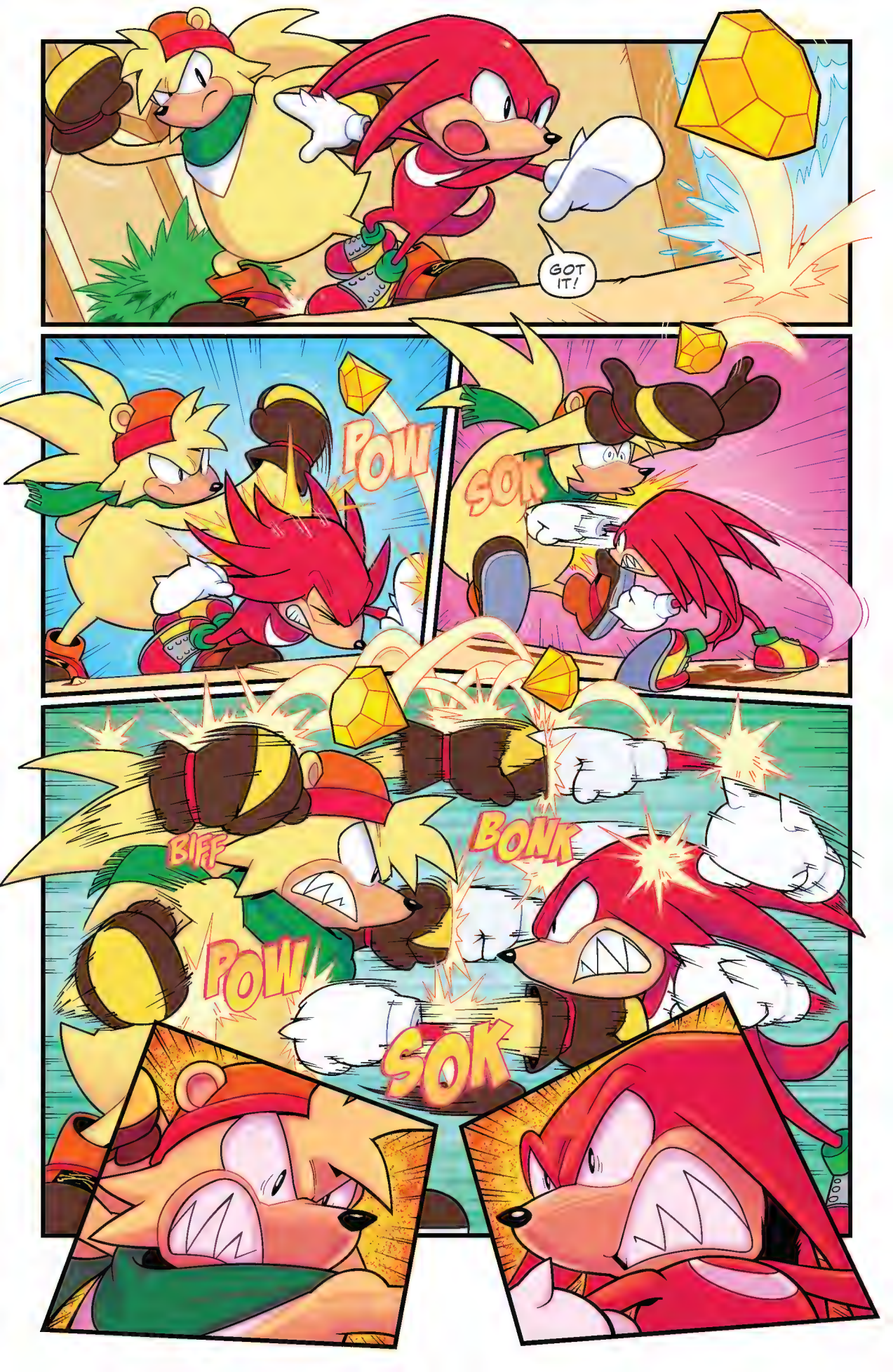

DIBS ON THE GRAPPLER!
KNOCK YOURSELF OUT, BUDDY.
RRRRGH! C'MON, BARK! I KNOW YOU CAN FIGHT!
POFF
THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!

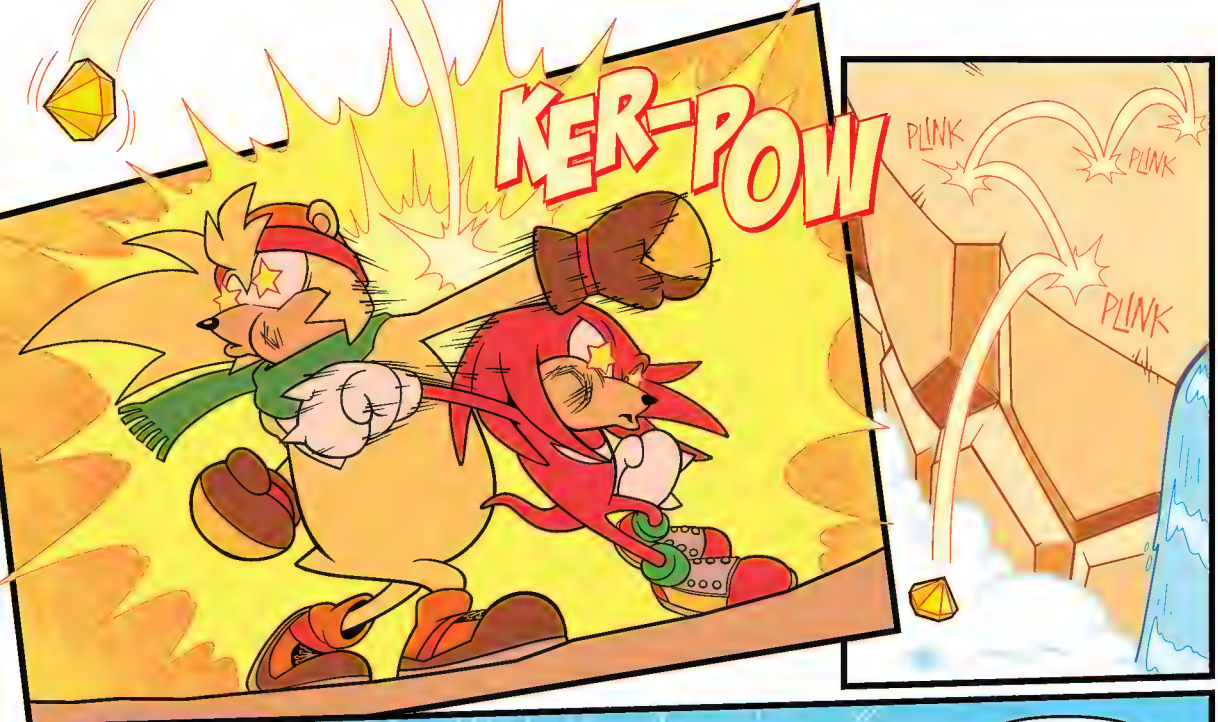
NOT HAPPENING!
BOOM
KNOCK IT OFF, BEAN!
BUT THIS IS OUR BIG REUNION AFTER SO LONG! DIDN'T'CHA MISS ME?
NO!
...OH...
...WELL, I'M NOT GONNA MISS YOU, EITHER!

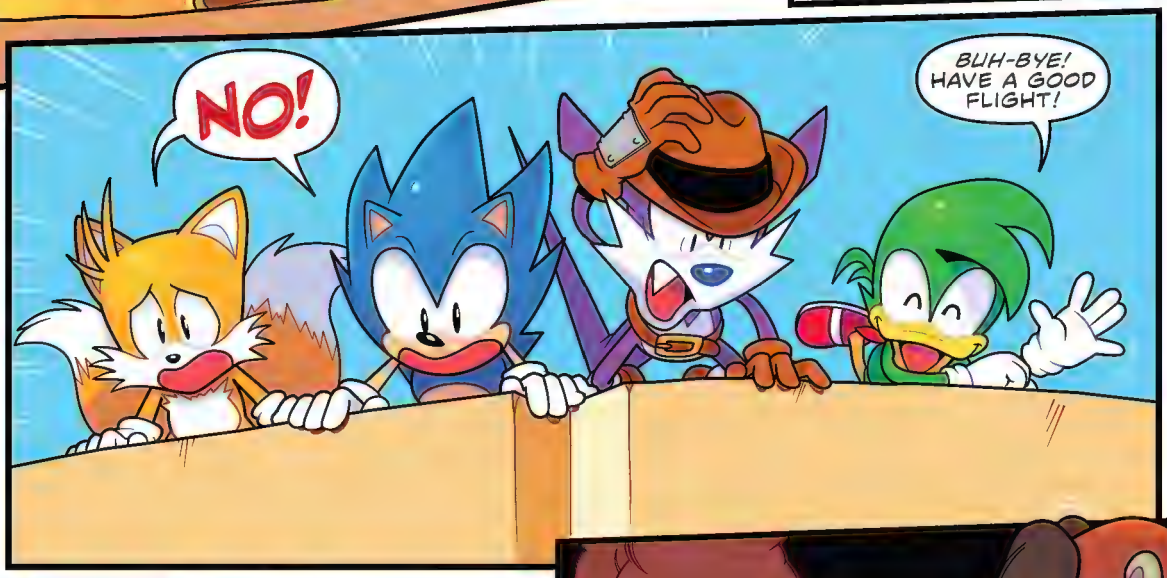
OH, COOL! AUTONOMOUS, MODULAR SIDECARS!
UGH. I DON'T WANT TO CLIMB THAT.
SO I WON'T! HA!
GET IT TOGETHER, TAILS!
SO COOL!

BOING
HA!
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING BACK THERE, DOUBLE-BUTT?
THROWING OFF YOUR CALIBRATIONS.
WHA--?
BOIN--
--CRASH
SONIC! I GOT THE EMERALD!

DROP IT, BRAT!
POP
POP
POP
OW-OW-OW! SONIC! CATCH!
I GOT IT!
AND I'VE GOT YOU!
DON'T BLOW UP THE GEM, IDIOT!
THAT WOULD BE COUNTER-INTUITIVE TO THE JOB...
TA-DA-DAAA-DAH!
POP

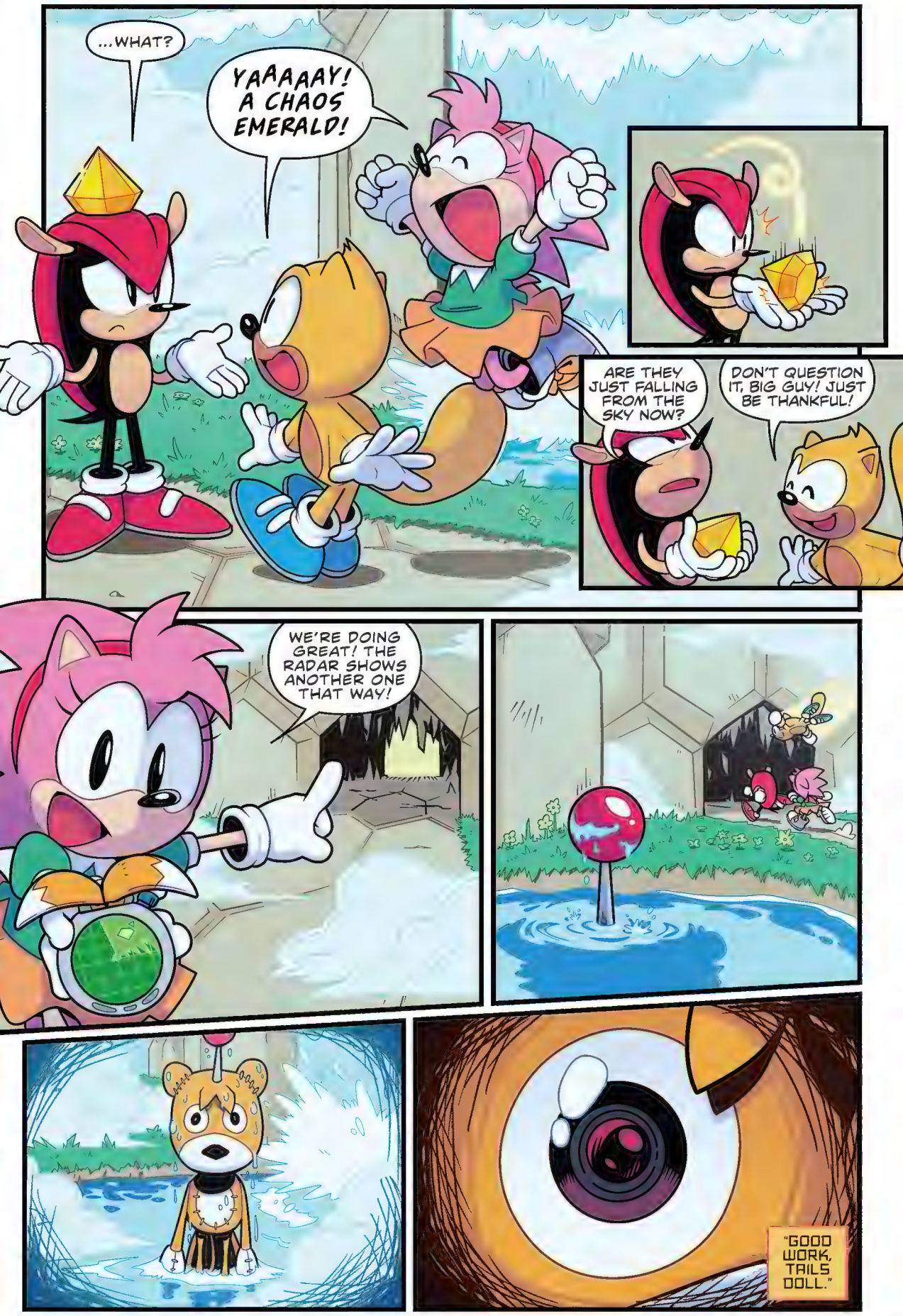

GOT IT!
POW
SOK
BIFF
BONK
POW
SOK

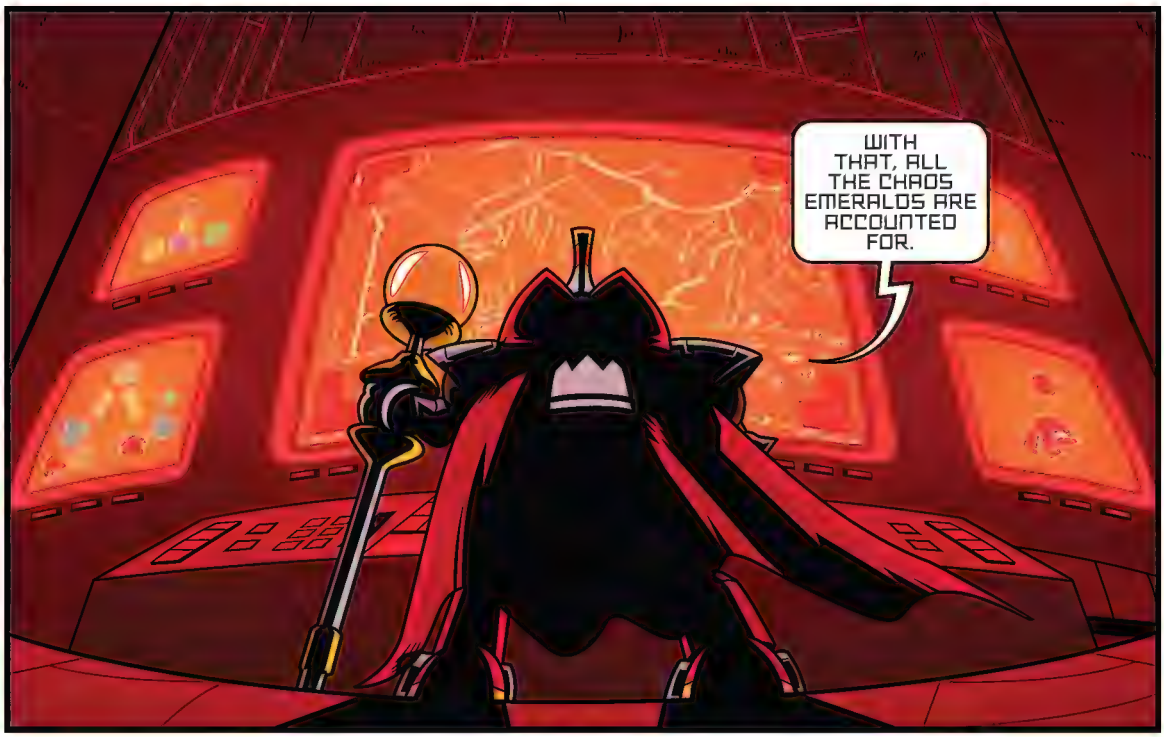

KER-POW
PLINK
PLINK
PLINK

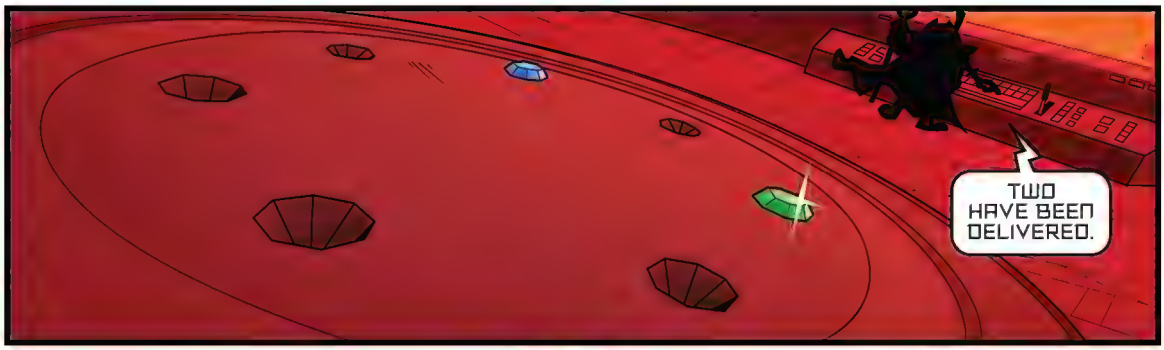

NO!
BUH-BYE! HAVE A GOOD FLIGHT!

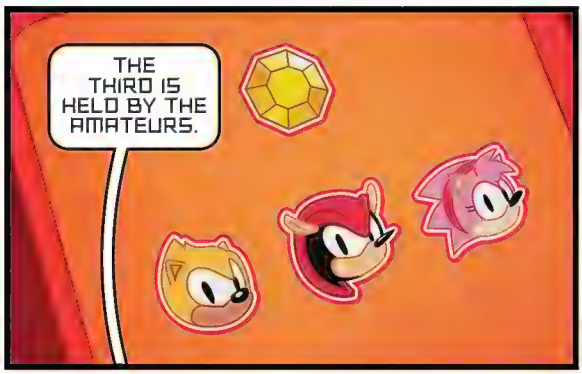
IT'S NEVER EASY WITH YOU MOOKS.
THINK YOU CAN FLY ME DOWN THERE?
I CAN'T SEE ANY GROUND DOWN THERE. THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THERE'S SOMEWHERE TO LAND!

DID I WIN?
NO, YOU LOST THE EMERALD DOWN THE CLIFF. GET TO CLIMBING, BUCKO.
GOOD LUCK WITH THAT!
YOU CAN JUST HAND IT OVER AFTER WE'VE FOUND THE REST! HA!
THEY'RE BOUND TO FIND MORE WHILE WE DIVE FOR THIS ONE!
YOU'RE RIGHT. IT'S NOT GOING ANYWHERE, SO LET'S TAIL THEM FIRST!

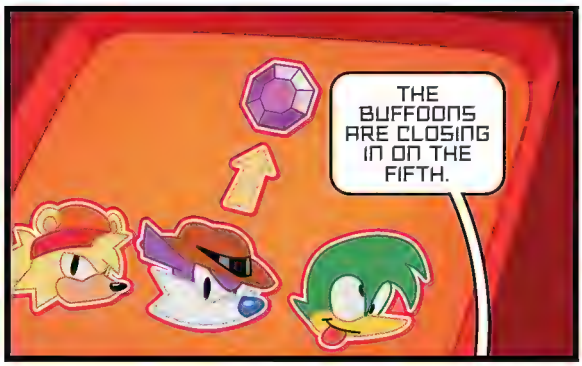

...WHAT?
YAAAAAY! A CHAOS EMERALD!
ARE THEY JUST FALLING FROM THE SKY NOW?
DON'T QUESTION IT, BIG GUY! JUST BE THANKFUL!
WE'RE DOING GREAT! THE RADAR SHOWS ANOTHER ONE THAT WAY!
"GOOD WORK, TAILS DOLL."

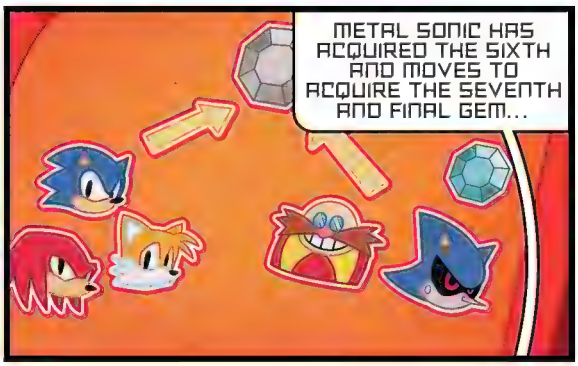

WITH THAT, ALL THE CHAOS EMERALDS ARE ACCOUNTED FOR.

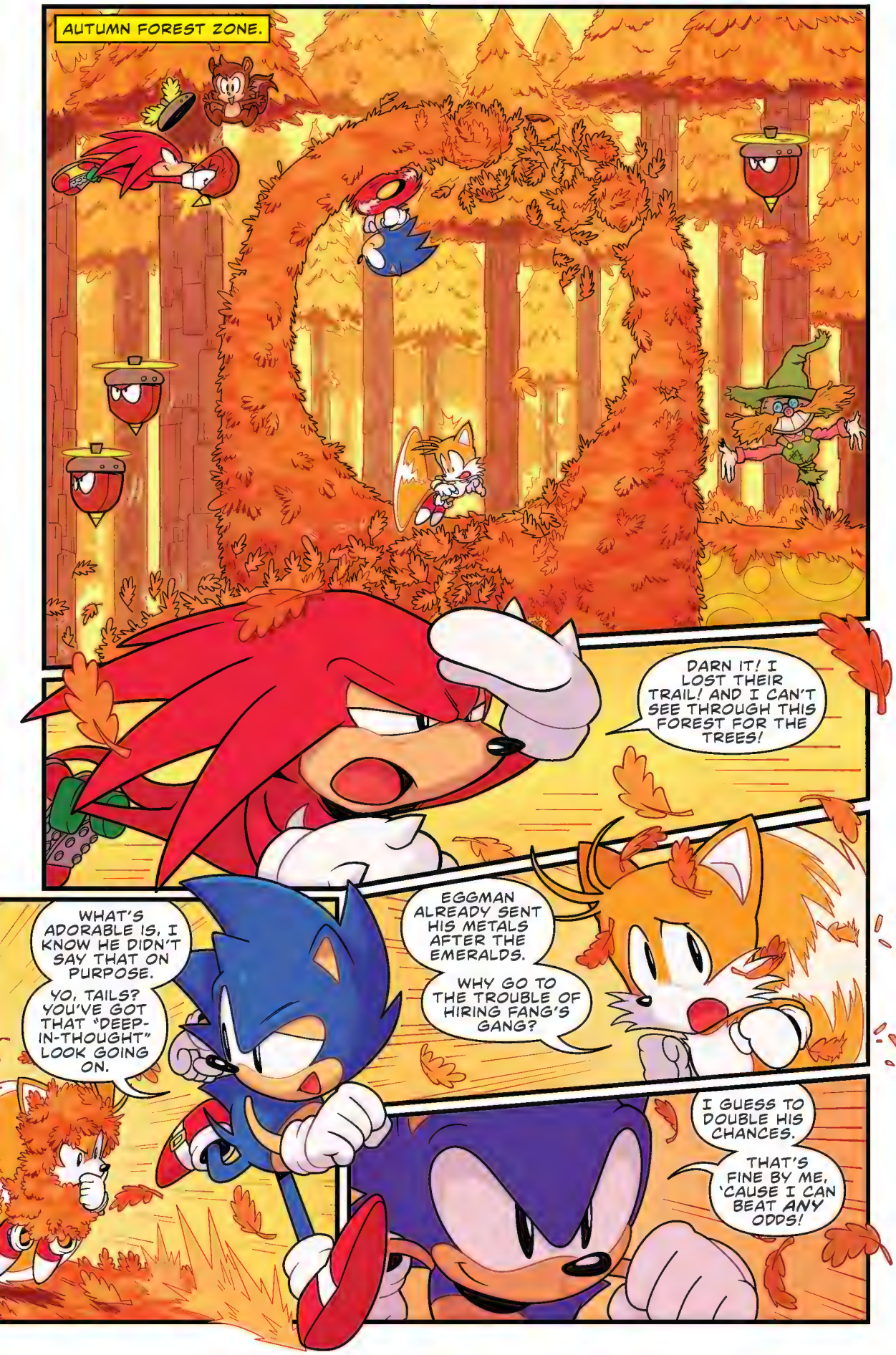

TWO HAVE BEEN DELIVERED.


THE THIRD IS HELD BY THE AMATEURS.

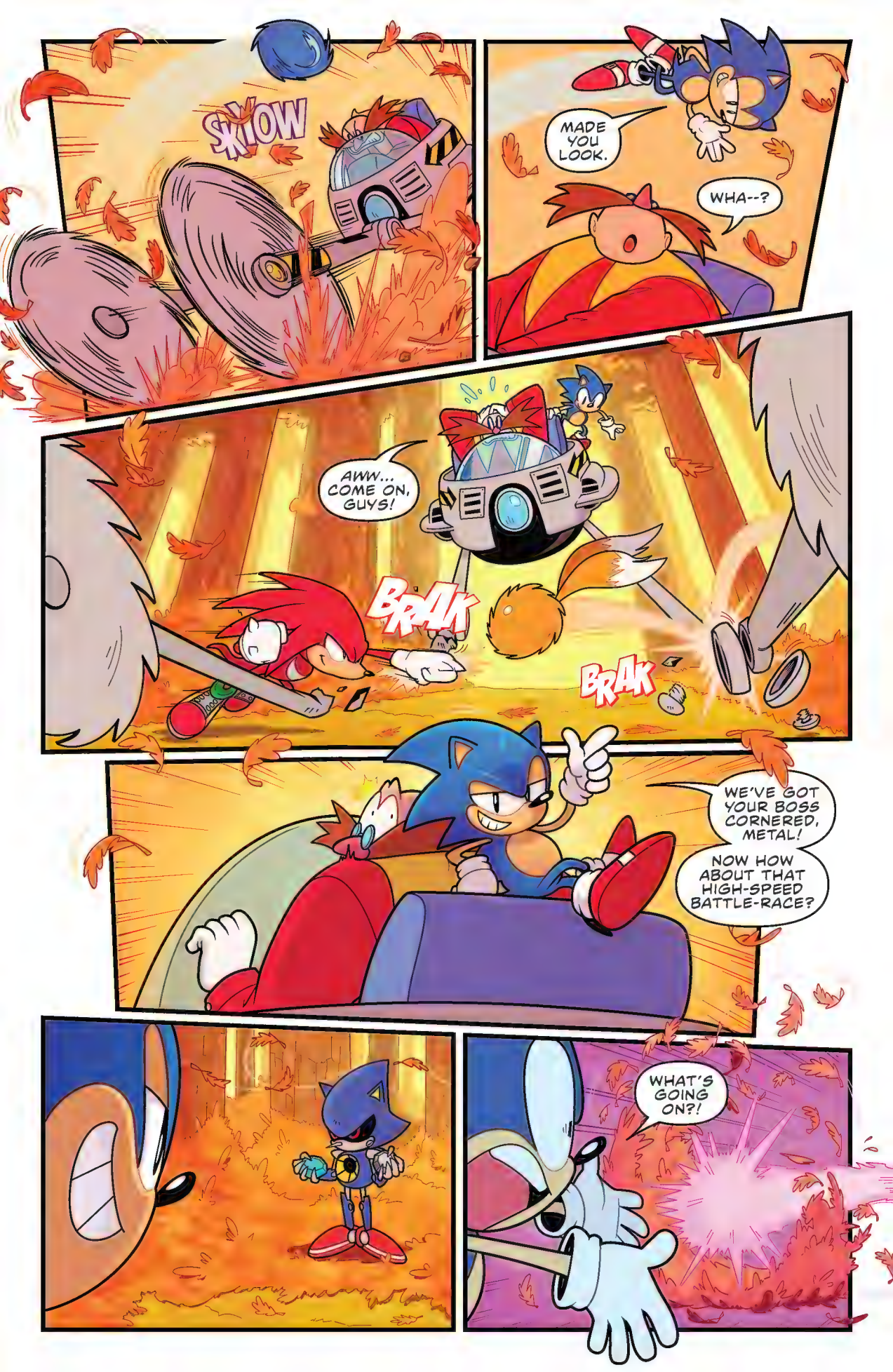
METAL KNUCKLES IS BRINGING THE FOURTH.

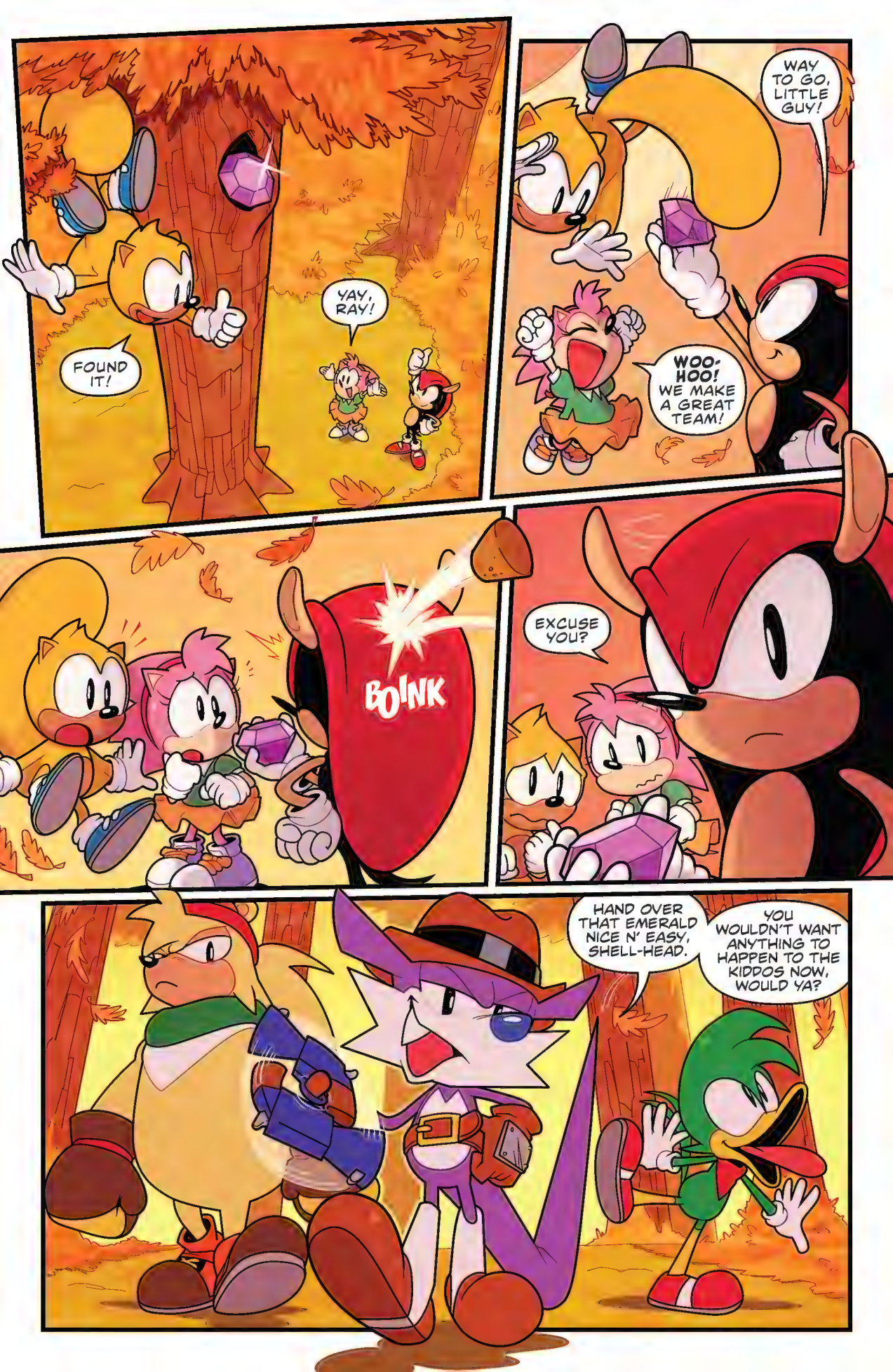

THE BUFFOONS ARE CLOSING IN ON THE FIFTH.

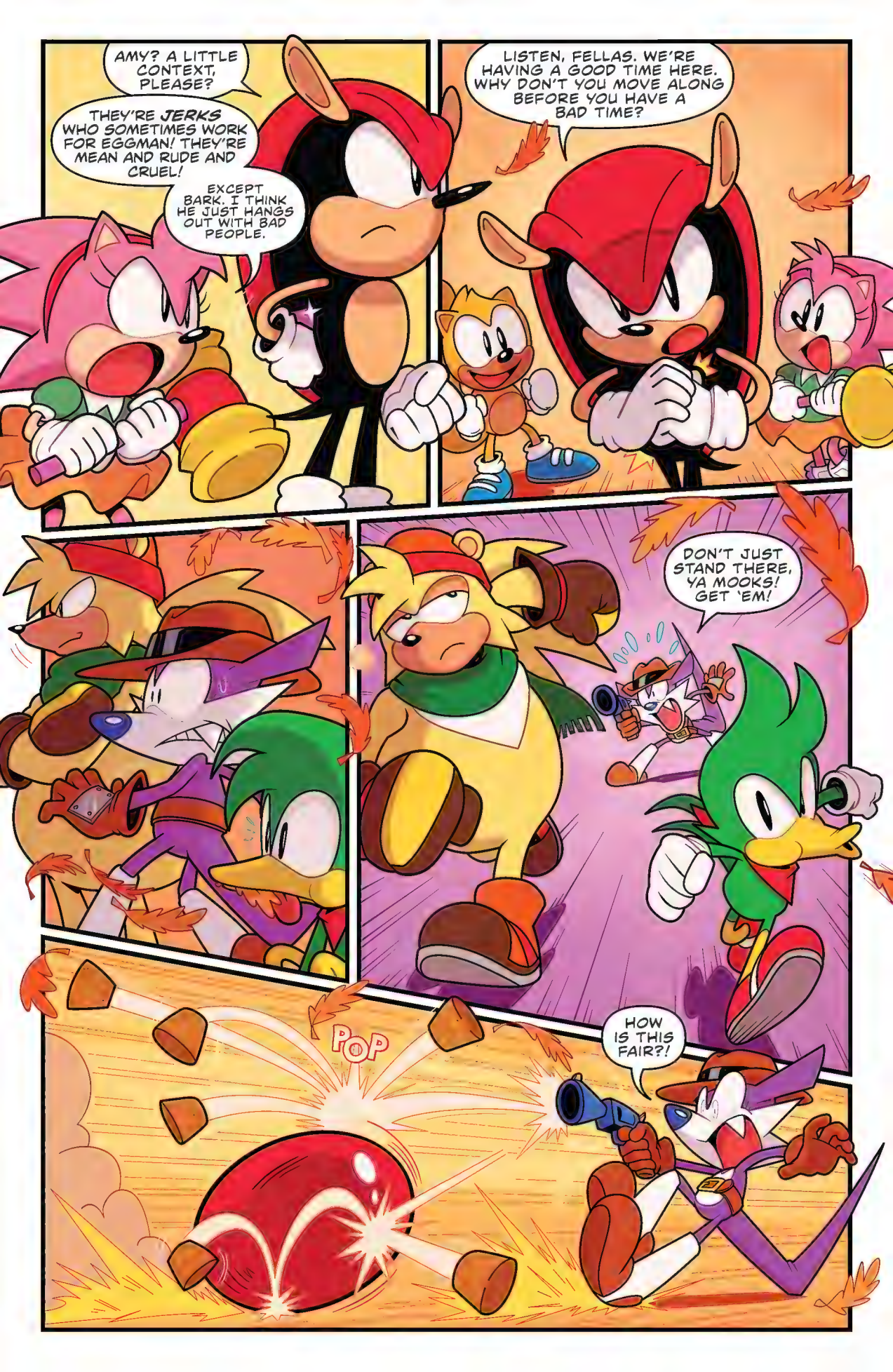

METAL SONIC HAS ACQUIRED THE SIXTH AND MOVES TO ACQUIRE THE SEVENTH AND FINAL GEM...


AUTUMN FOREST ZONE.
DARN IT! I LOST THEIR TRAIL! AND I CAN'T SEE THROUGH THIS FOREST FOR THE TREES!
EGGMAN ALREADY SENT HIS METALS AFTER THE EMERALDS.
WHY GO TO THE TROUBLE OF HIRING FANG'S GANG?
WHAT'S ADORABLE IS, I KNOW HE DIDN'T SAY THAT ON PURPOSE.
YO, TAILS? YOU'VE GOT THAT "DEEP-IN-THOUGHT" LOOK GOING ON.
I GUESS TO DOUBLE HIS CHANCES.
THAT'S FINE BY ME, 'CAUSE I CAN BEAT ANY ODDS!

HEY! IT'S NOT FANG...
...BUT IT IS EGGMAN!
ALMOST... ALMOST...!
BLAK
GYAH!
SONIC! I DON'T HAVE TIME TO DEAL WITH YOU RIGHT NOW!
AWW! BUT I CAME ALL THIS WAY TO SEE YOU!


SKIOW
MADE YOU LOOK.
WHA--?
AWW... COME ON, GUYS!
BRAK
BRAK
WE'VE GOT YOUR BOSS CORNERED, METAL!
NOW HOW ABOUT THAT HIGH-SPEED BATTLE-RACE?
WHAT'S GOING ON?!


FOUND IT!
YAY, RAY!
WAY TO GO, LITTLE GUY!
WOO-HOO! WE MAKE A GREAT TEAM!
BOINK
EXCUSE YOU?
HAND OVER THAT EMERALD NICE N' EASY, SHELL-HEAD.
YOU WOULDN'T WANT ANYTHING TO HAPPEN TO THE KIDDOS NOW, WOULD YA?


AMY? A LITTLE CONTEXT, PLEASE?
THEY'RE JERKS WHO SOMETIMES WORK FOR EGGMAN! THEY'RE MEAN AND RUDE AND CRUEL!
EXCEPT BARK. I THINK HE JUST HANGS OUT WITH BAD PEOPLE.
LISTEN, FELLAS. WE'RE HAVING A GOOD TIME HERE. WHY DON'T YOU MOVE ALONG BEFORE YOU HAVE A BAD TIME?
DON'T JUST STAND THERE, YA MOOKS! GET 'EM!
POP
HOW IS THIS FAIR?!

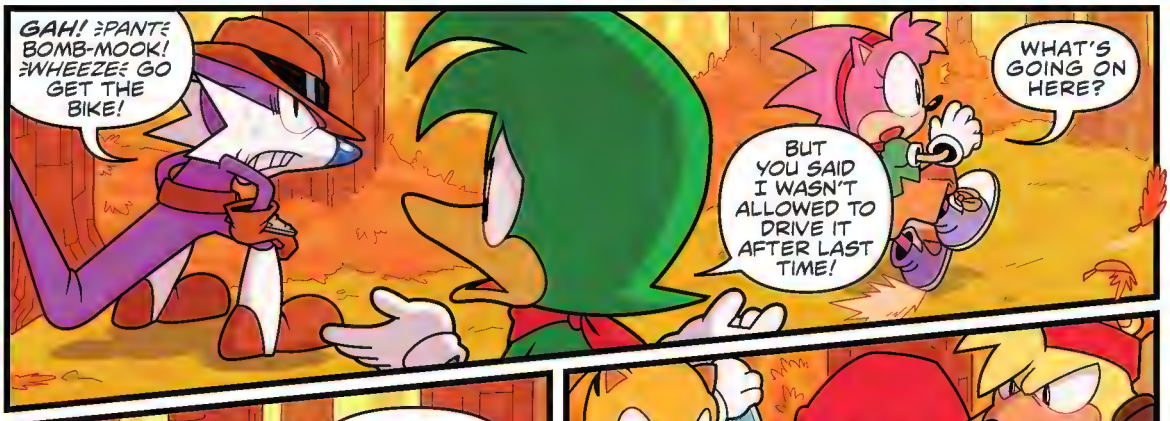
COULD YOU HOLD STILL? YOU'RE MAKING MY AIM LOOK TERRIBLE.
BOOM
COULD YOU STOP TRYING TO BLOW ME UP THEN?!
BOOM
I CAN'T BACK DOWN! SONIC AND THE OTHERS NEED ME TO DO THIS!
PIKO
YAAAH!
YAAAAAAH!
PIKO
PIKO
PIKO

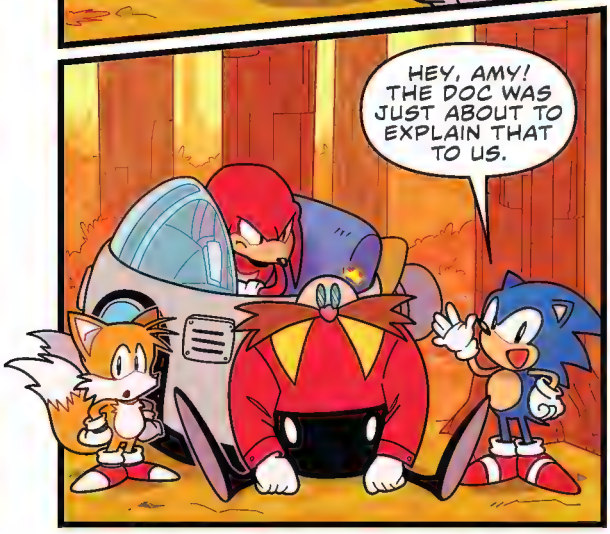
BAM
SCARF-MOOK! HELP!
HEY! NO! PUT ME DOWN!
YOU JERK! THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!
KINDRED SPIRIT, I SEE. THEN I'LL TAKE YOU SERIOUSLY.
WHOM

PHUMP
...BEST TWO OUT OF THREE?
LEAVE HIM ALONE!
BOOM

YEEK!
SORRY!
YOU CAUGHT ME! THAT'S--!
BOOM
WOO! TWO STONES WITH ONE BIRD!
I MEAN--YEAH--IT'D BE BETTER IF THEY WERE ROCKS, BUT I WORK WITH WHAT I GOT, Y'KNOW?
BOP

WHY IS EGGMAN SENDING BOTS TO DO OUR JOB...?
HE'S TRYING TO DOUBLE-CROSS US OUT OF OUR DEAL! AFTER HIM!

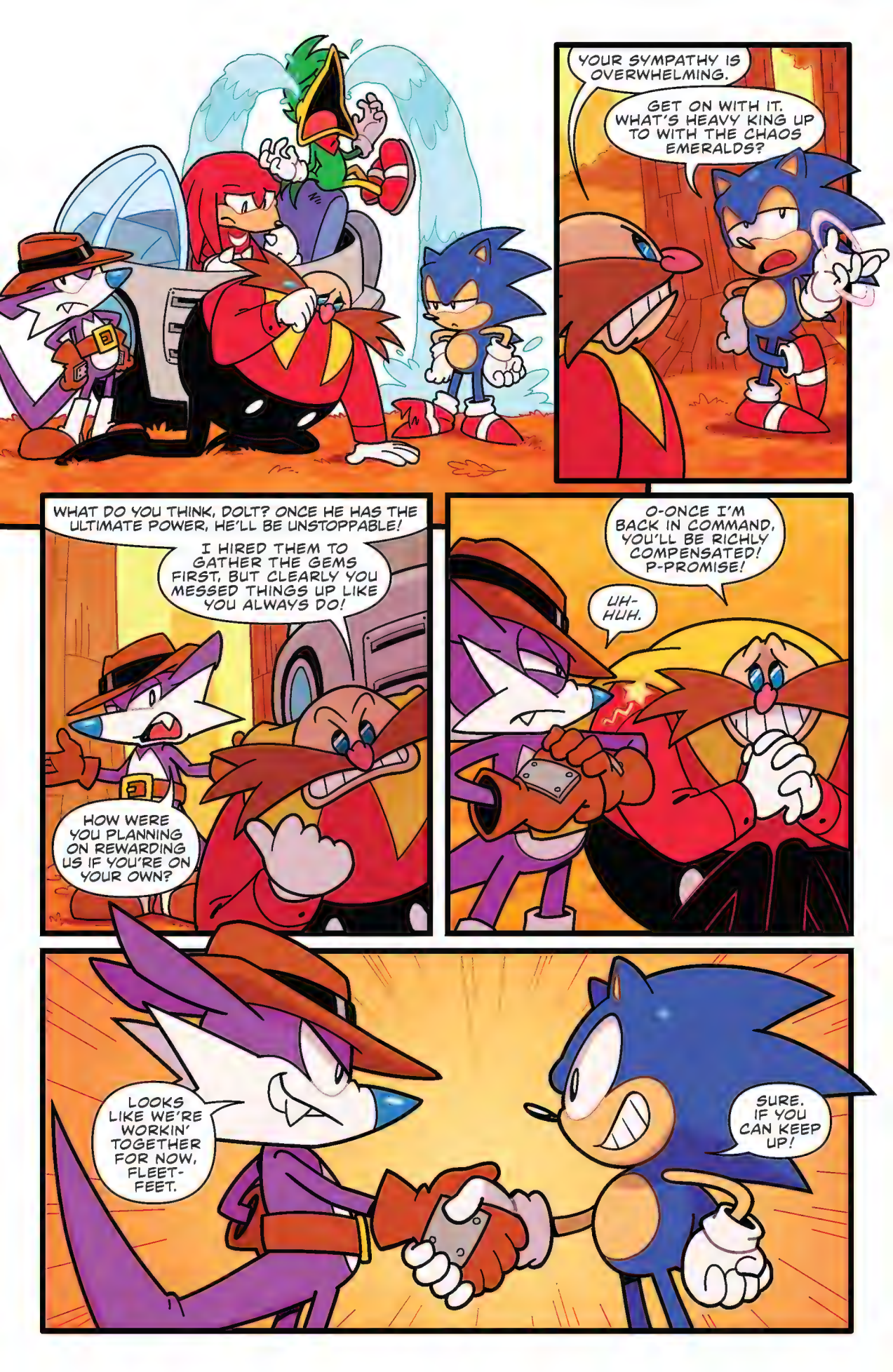

GAH! ≠PANT≠ BOMB-MOOK! ≠WHEEZE≠ GO GET THE BIKE!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
BUT YOU SAID I WASN'T ALLOWED TO DRIVE IT AFTER LAST TIME!


HEY, AMY! THE DOC WAS JUST ABOUT TO EXPLAIN THAT TO US.

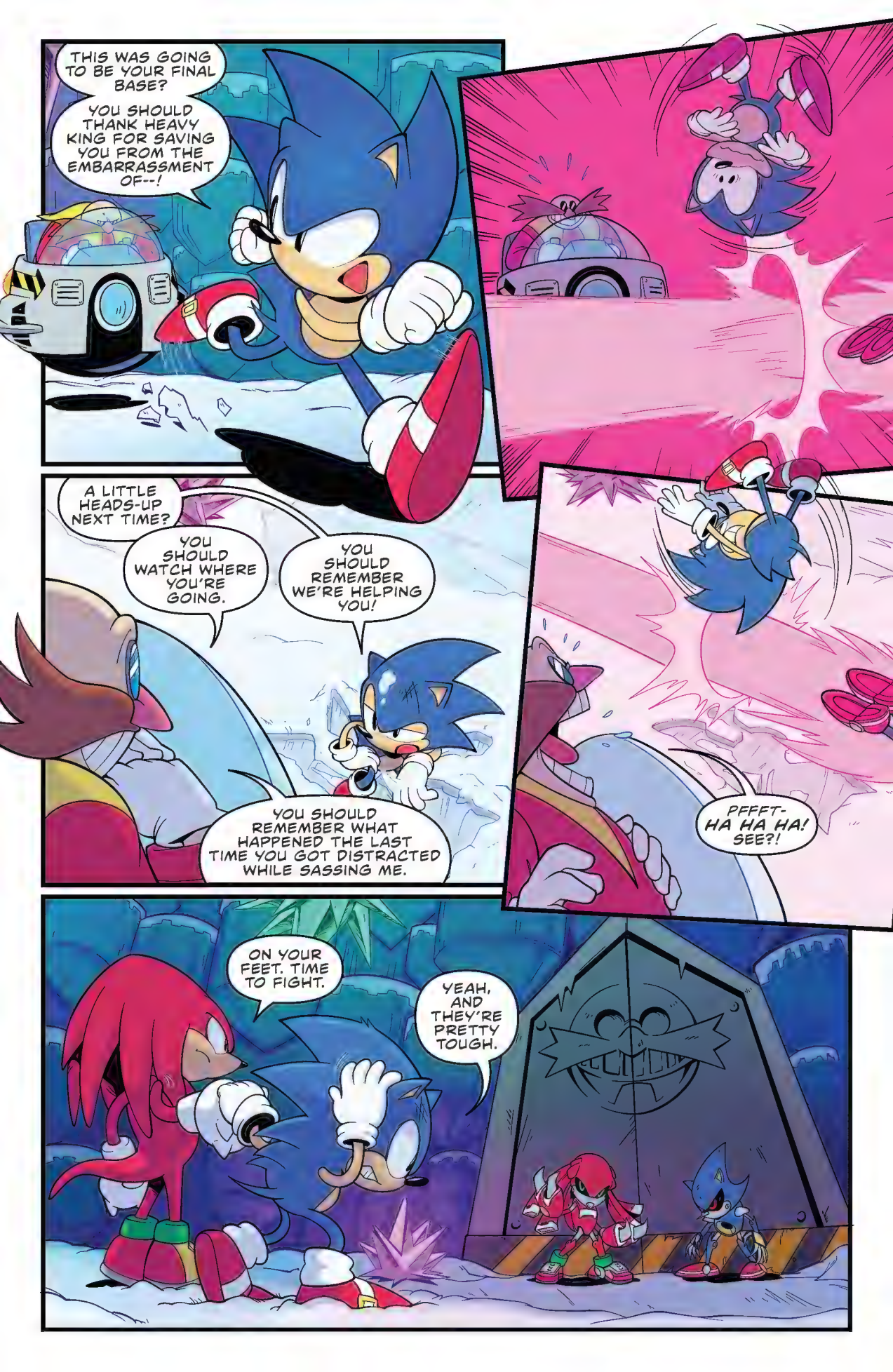
WEREN'T YOU?
ERM... YES... WELL...

"...IT ALL STARTED WHEN I DECIDED TO REBUILD HEAVY KING, YOU SEE.
"HE WOULD BECOME MY CHIEF COMMANDER AND LEAD MY ROBOTS INTO BATTLE.
"THAT WAY, I'D HAVE MORE TIME TO INVENT, RESEARCH... YOU KNOW, DO IMPORTANT STUFF.
"EVERYTHING WAS GOING GREAT..."

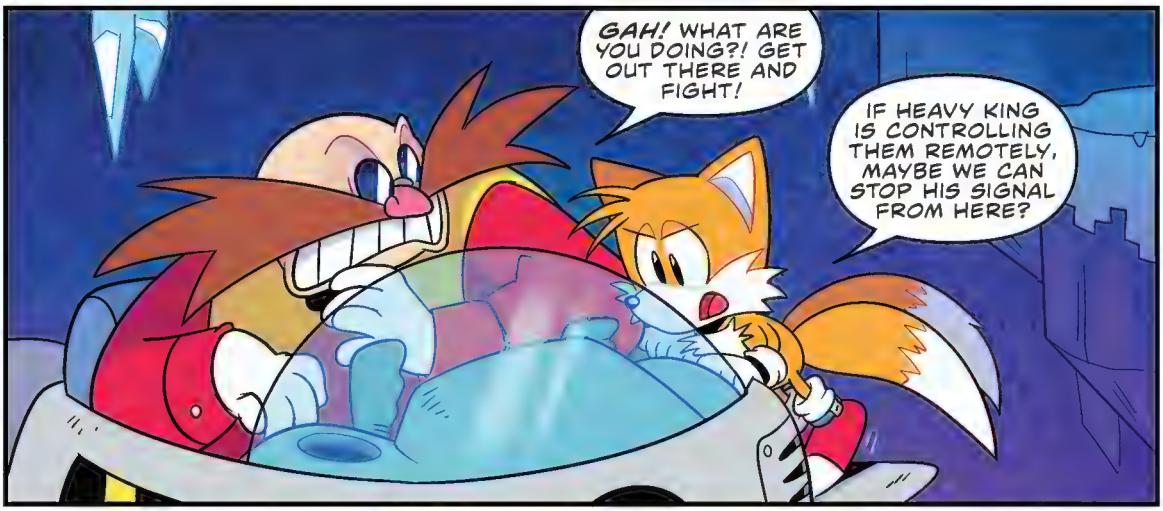
"...UNTIL HEAVY KING BECAME A LITTLE TOO COMMANDING.
BROADCASTING...
Override.EXE
"HE TOOK FULL CONTROL OF MY ROBOTS!
"KICKED ME OUT OF MY OWN BASE!
"IT WAS VERY RUDE AND HURT MY FEELINGS."
SLAM

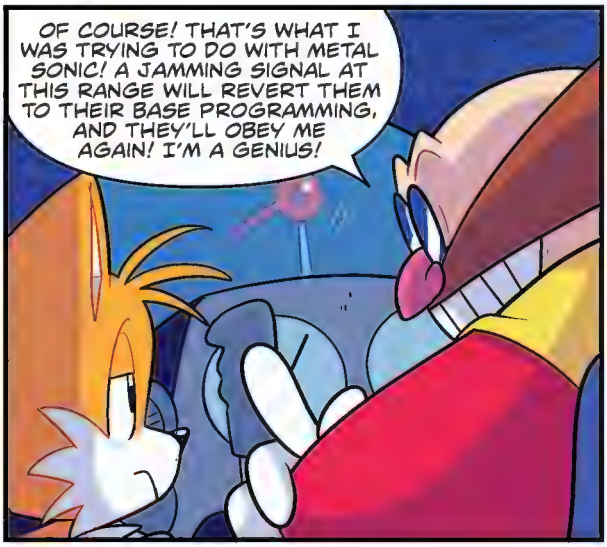

YOUR SYMPATHY IS OVERWHELMING.
GET ON WITH IT. WHAT'S HEAVY KING UP TO WITH THE CHAOS EMERALDS?
WHAT DO YOU THINK, DOLT? ONCE HE HAS THE ULTIMATE POWER, HE'LL BE UNSTOPPABLE!
I HIRED THEM TO GATHER THE GEMS FIRST, BUT CLEARLY YOU MESSED THINGS UP LIKE YOU ALWAYS DO!
HOW WERE YOU PLANNING ON REWARDING US IF YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN?
O-ONCE I'M BACK IN COMMAND, YOU'LL BE RICHLY COMPENSATED! P-PROMISE!
UH-HUH.
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE WORKIN' TOGETHER FOR NOW, FLEET-FEET.
SURE. IF YOU CAN KEEP UP!

WINTER CAVERNS ZONE.
ACCORDING TO THE RADAR, ALL THE CHAOS EMERALDS ARE IN THE BASE UP AHEAD.
WELL, THAT'S NO GOOD.
BETTER GET IN THERE QUICK BEFORE HE USES THEM!


THIS WAS GOING TO BE YOUR FINAL BASE?
YOU SHOULD THANK HEAVY KING FOR SAVING YOU FROM THE EMBARRASSMENT OF--!
A LITTLE HEADS-UP NEXT TIME?
YOU SHOULD WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING.
YOU SHOULD REMEMBER WE'RE HELPING YOU!
YOU SHOULD REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED THE LAST TIME YOU GOT DISTRACTED WHILE SASSING ME.
PFFFT- HA HA HA! SEE?!
ON YOUR FEET. TIME TO FIGHT.
YEAH, AND THEY'RE PRETTY TOUGH.

BUT WE'RE TOUGHER!

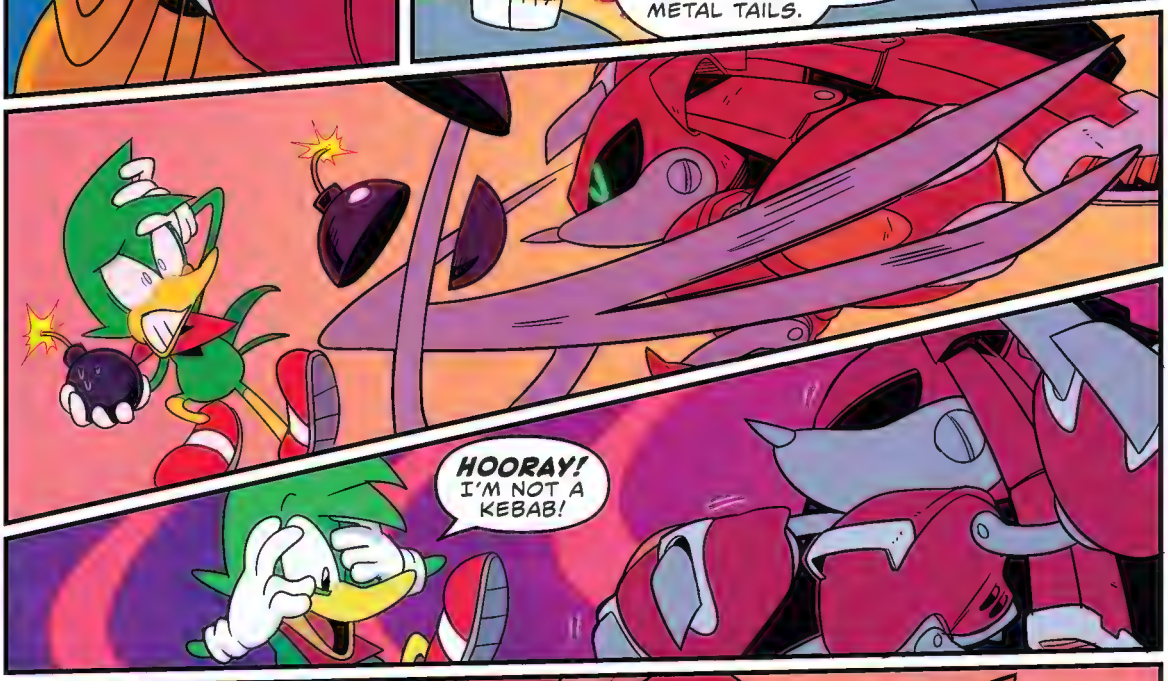

GAH! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! GET OUT THERE AND FIGHT!
IF HEAVY KING IS CONTROLLING THEM REMOTELY, MAYBE WE CAN STOP HIS SIGNAL FROM HERE?

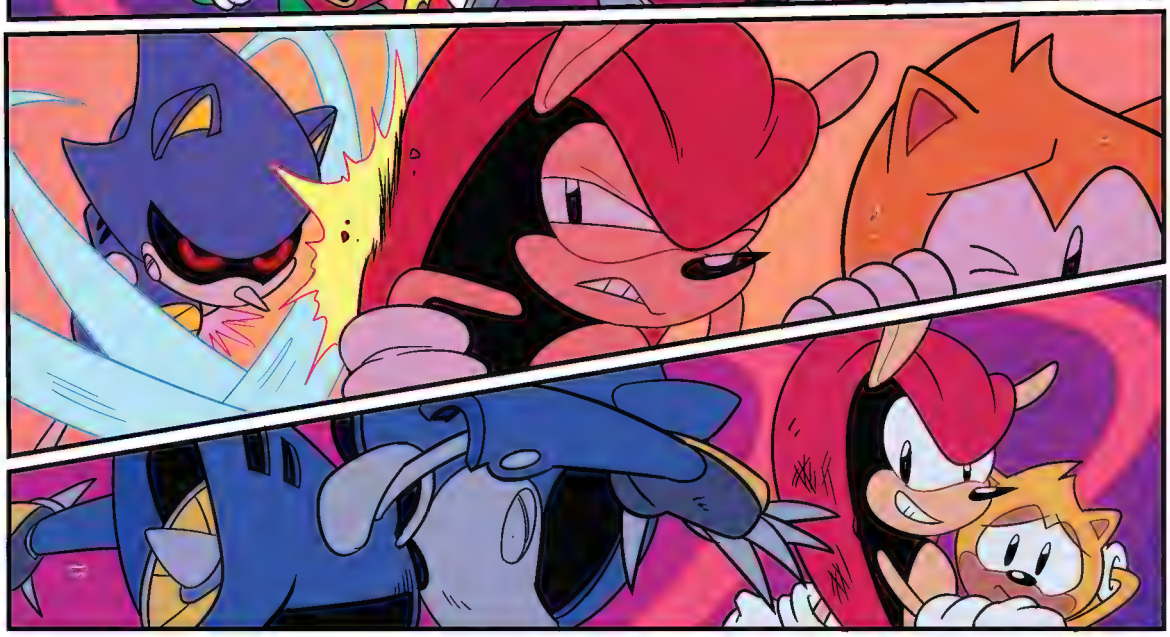

OF COURSE! THAT'S WHAT I WAS TRYING TO DO WITH METAL SONIC! A JAMMING SIGNAL AT THIS RANGE WILL REVERT THEM TO THEIR BASE PROGRAMMING, AND THEY'LL OBEY ME AGAIN! I'M A GENIUS!

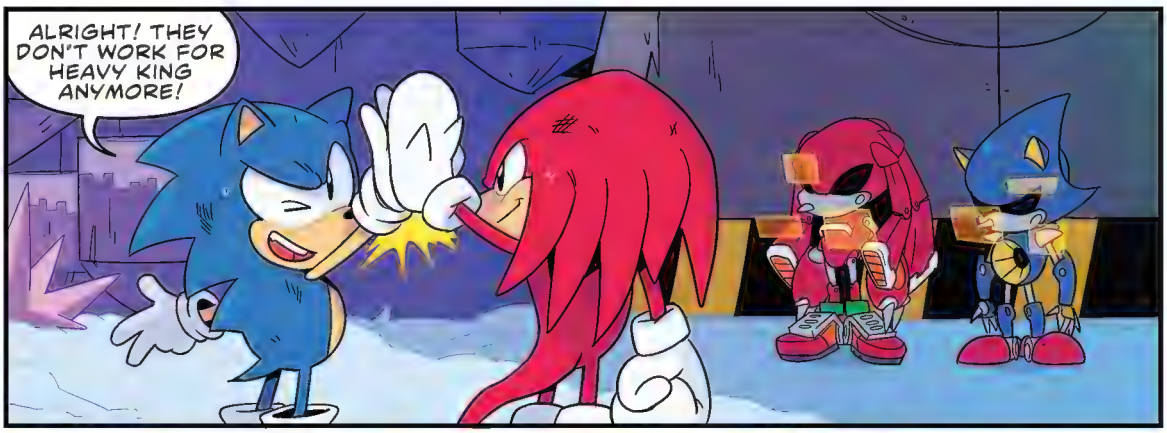
YAAAAH!

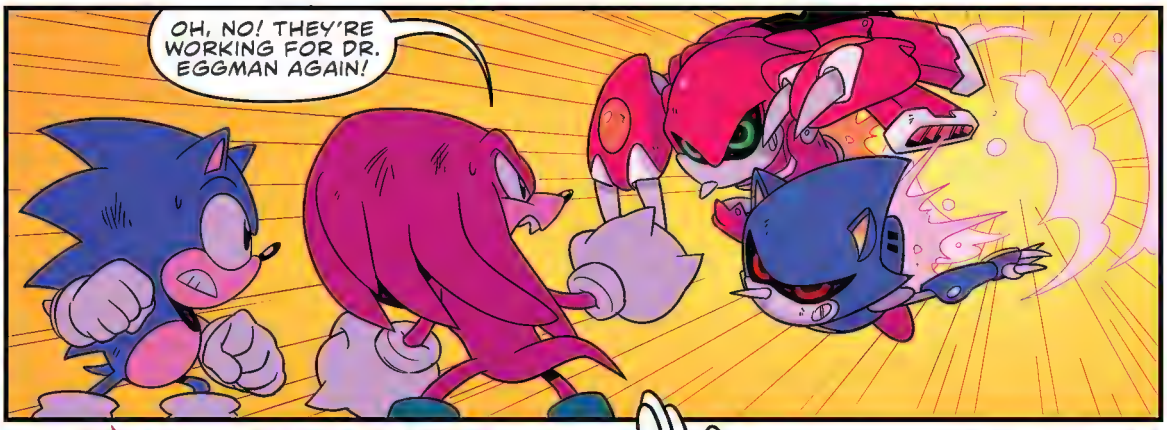
SQUEEK

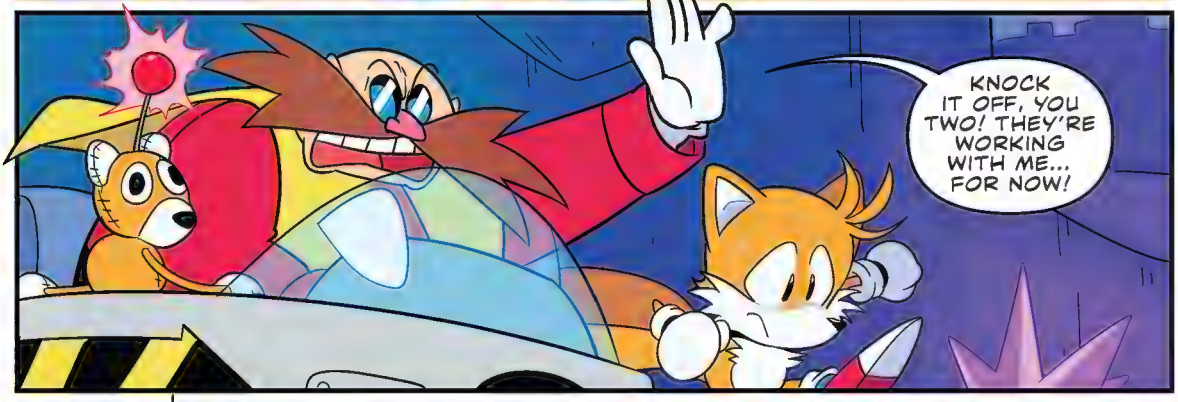
EUREKA! I'LL USE TAILS DOLL'S ANTENNA TO BOOST THE JAMMING SIGNAL!
OKAY, BUT LATER, I WANT TO KNOW WHY I GOT THAT AND NOT A COOL METAL TAILS.


HOORAY! I'M NOT A KEBAB!




ALRIGHT! THEY DON'T WORK FOR HEAVY KING ANYMORE!

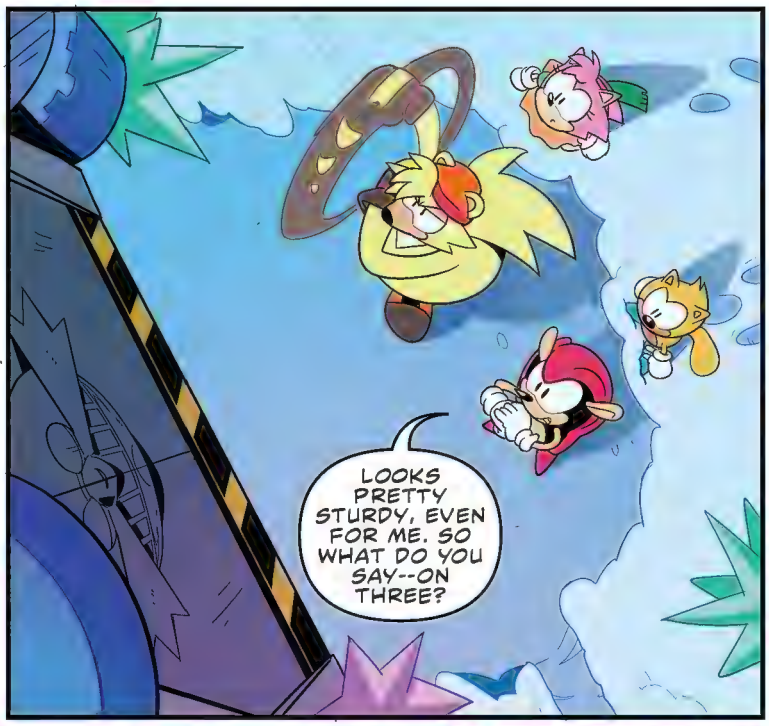

OH, NO! THEY'RE WORKING FOR DR. EGGMAN AGAIN!


KNOCK IT OFF, YOU TWO! THEY'RE WORKING WITH ME... FOR NOW!

THAT'S RIGHT! WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME TEAM! DON'CHA JUST LOVE THAT?

WELP, NOW THAT THAT'S SETTLED, TIME TO KNOCK ON THE DOOR.
AND BY "KNOCK," I MEAN "LIBERAL USE OF HIGH EXPLOSIVES."

NOPE. I AIN'T HAVING YOU CAVING IN THE WHOLE PLACE.
WHERE'S YOUR SENSE OF EXCITEMENT?! YOUR ARTISTIC VISION?!


LOOKS PRETTY STURDY, EVEN FOR ME. SO WHAT DO YOU SAY--ON THREE?

ONE!
TWO!
THR--!
NO, NO, STOP! I JUST HAD THEM PAINTED!

I'LL OPEN THEM MYSELF!

SO YOU HAVE COME. ALL OF YOU.
BUT I HAVE THE CHAOS EMERALDS. ALL OF THEM.
THEIR POWER FAR EXCEEDS ANYTHING YOU POSSESS.
AND IT IS MINE TO COMMAND.
FWASH

SO... BEAUTIFUL...!

DESTROYING YOU HERE WILL ACCELERATE MY SCHEDULE.
NEXT, I WILL RESTORE THE HARDBOILED HEAVIES AS MY GENERALS.
"MY BADNIK FORCES WILL CONQUER THE WORLD. I WILL RULE AS ITS METALLIC OVERLORD."
DON'T GET ANY IDEAS! GET IN THERE AND STOP HIM!
WHOOOSH

ZORCH
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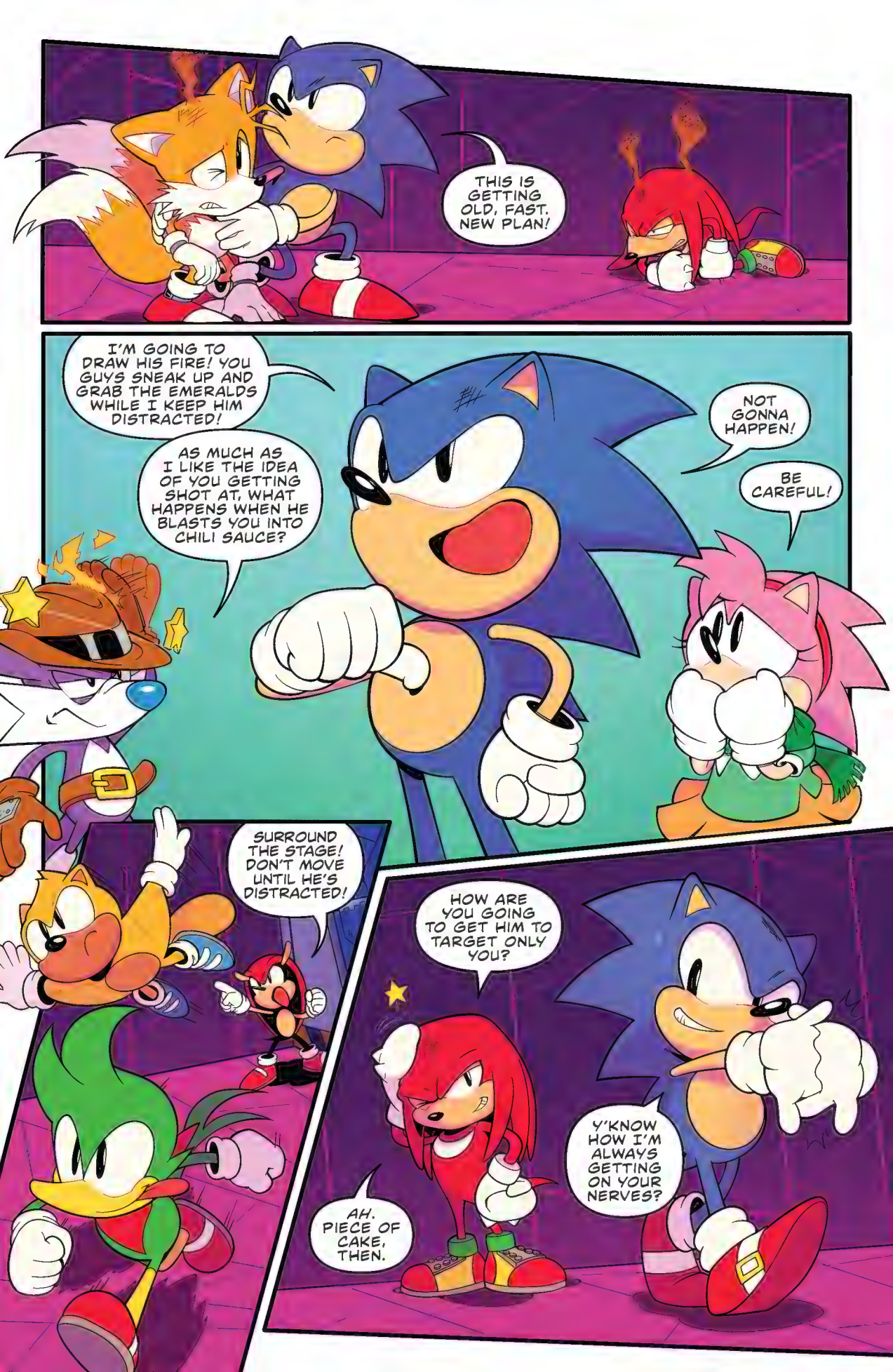
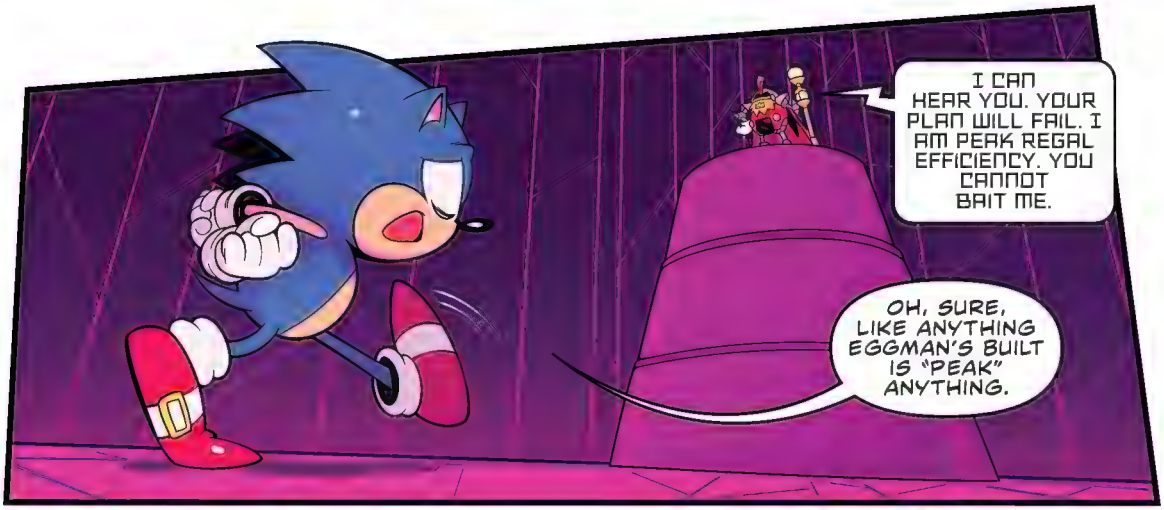
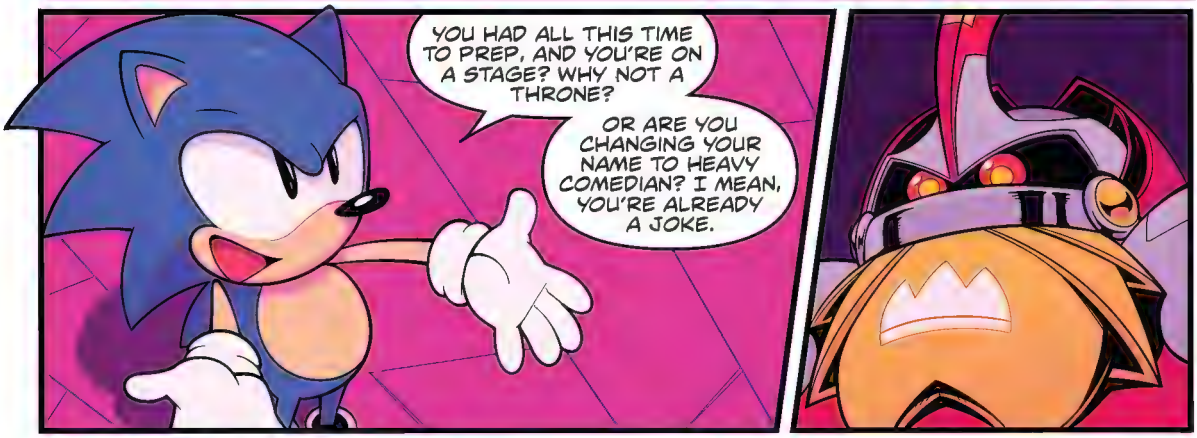
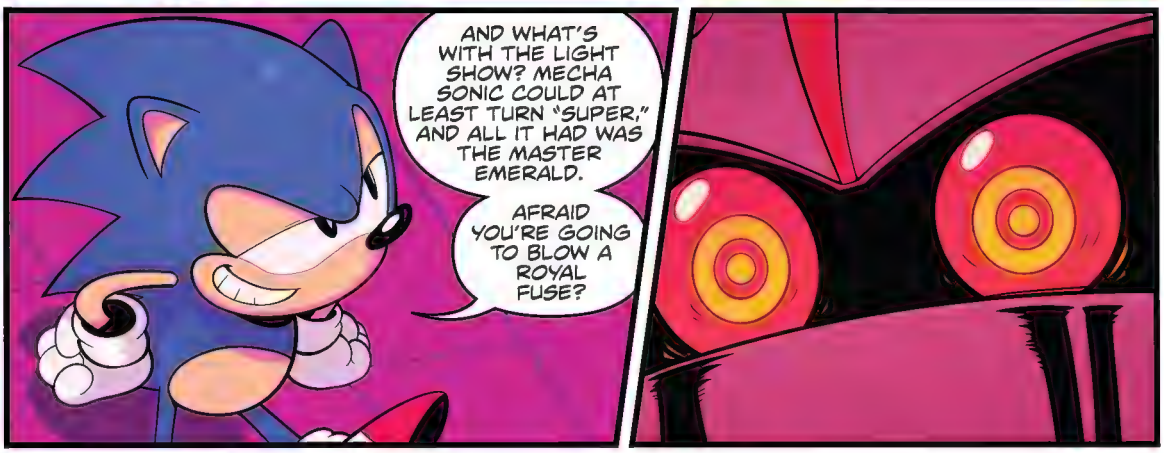
OH? YOU NO LONGER SERVE ME?
THEN BE DESTROYED LIKE THE REST.


THIS IS GETTING OLD, FAST. NEW PLAN!
I'M GOING TO DRAW HIS FIRE! YOU GUYS SNEAK UP AND GRAB THE EMERALDS WHILE I KEEP HIM DISTRACTED!
AS MUCH AS I LIKE THE IDEA OF YOU GETTING SHOT AT, WHAT HAPPENS WHEN HE BLASTS YOU INTO CHILI SAUCE?
NOT GONNA HAPPEN!
BE CAREFUL!
SURROUND THE STAGE! DON'T MOVE UNTIL HE'S DISTRACTED!
HOW ARE YOU GOING TO GET HIM TO TARGET ONLY YOU?
Y'KNOW HOW I'M ALWAYS GETTING ON YOUR NERVES?
AH. PIECE OF CAKE, THEN.


I CAN HEAR YOU. YOUR PLAN WILL FAIL. I AM PEAK REGAL EFFICIENCY. YOU CANNOT BAIT ME.
OH, SURE, LIKE ANYTHING EGGMAN'S BUILT IS "PEAK" ANYTHING.


YOU HAD ALL THIS TIME TO PREP, AND YOU'RE ON A STAGE? WHY NOT A THRONE?
OR ARE YOU CHANGING YOUR NAME TO HEAVY COMEDIAN? I MEAN, YOU'RE ALREADY A JOKE.

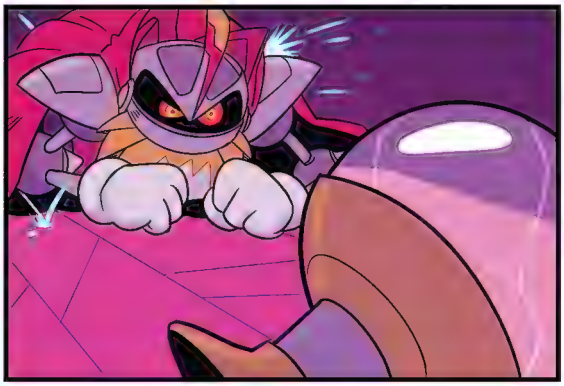
I MEAN, WHAT'S REGAL ABOUT A TINY DEATH EGG ROBOT WEARING A BED SHEET?
SORRY, I MEAN CAPE. IS THAT AN EGGMAN HAND-ME-DOWN?

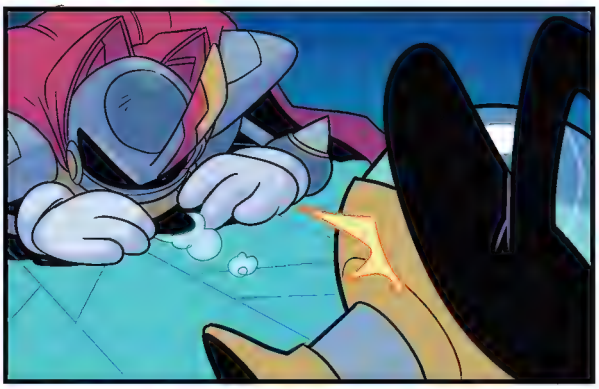

AND WHAT'S WITH THE LIGHT SHOW? MECHA SONIC COULD AT LEAST TURN "SUPER," AND ALL IT HAD WAS THE MASTER EMERALD.
AFRAID YOU'RE GOING TO BLOW A ROYAL FUSE?

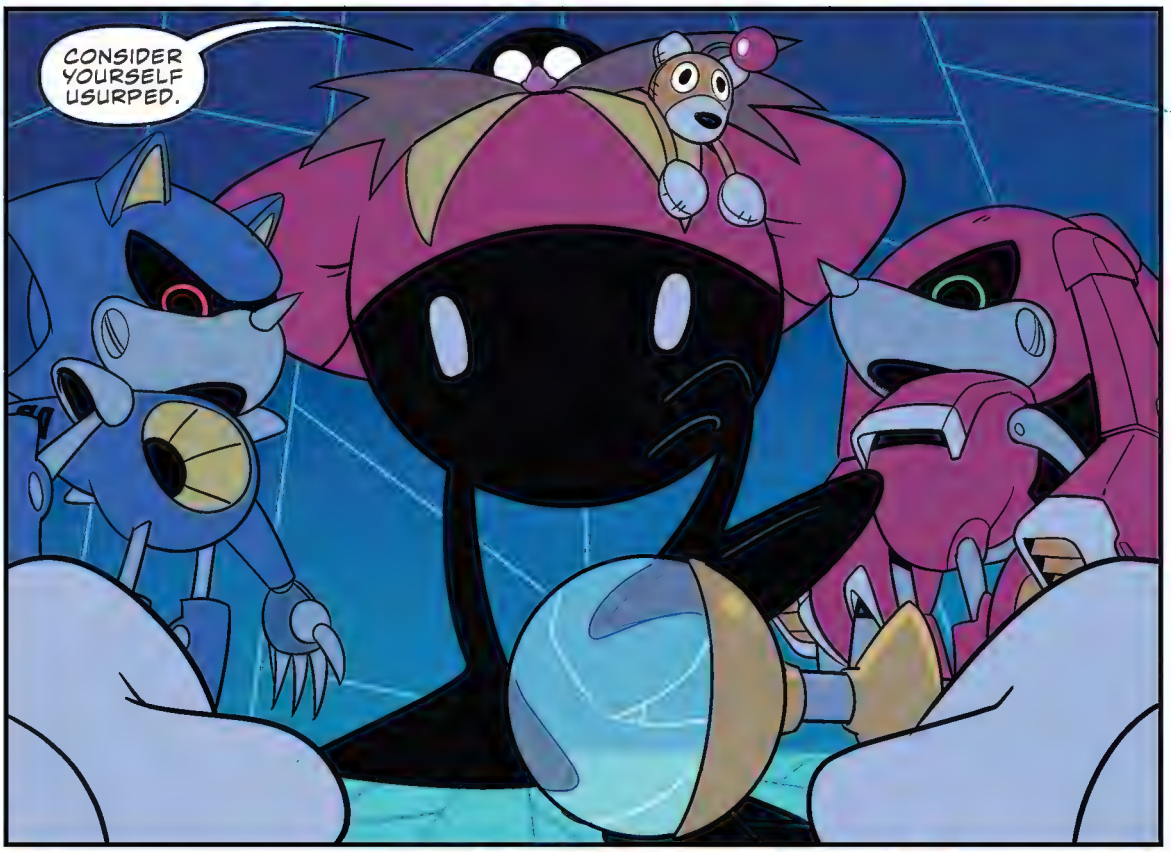
WOO-HOO-HA-HA!
KRA-KOW

GAH!
POW...!

WHAT?
AH. HIS PLAN. I FELL FOR IT.
AND NOW YOU'LL FALL FOR THIS!
VREE-VREE-VREE
BRAK





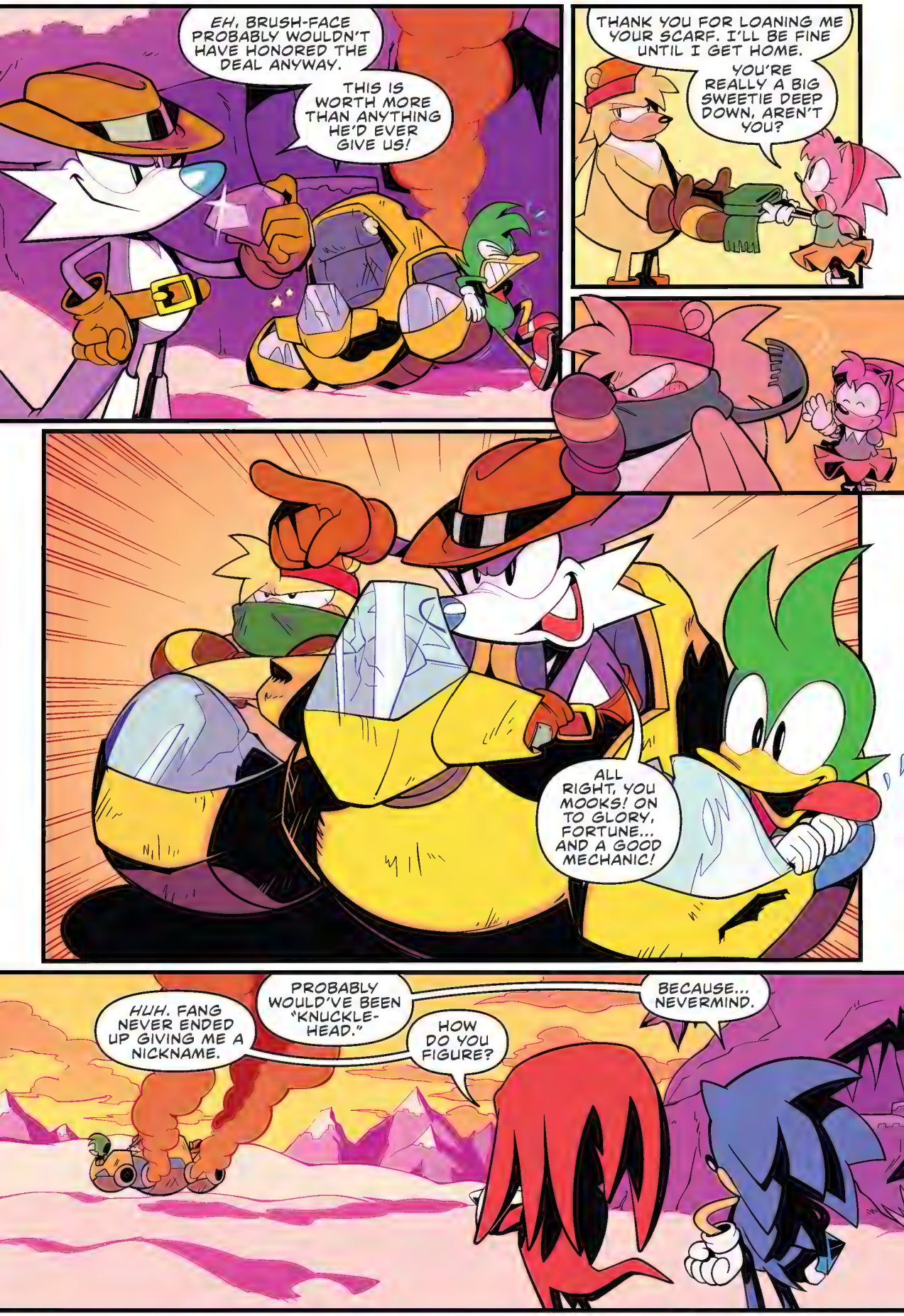

CONSIDER YOURSELF USURPED.

I YIELD AND BEG MERCY.
DID YOU NOT PROGRAM ME TO BE DECEITFUL AND CONQUEST-DRIVEN?
HAVE I NOT BEEN FULFILLING MY FUNCTION?

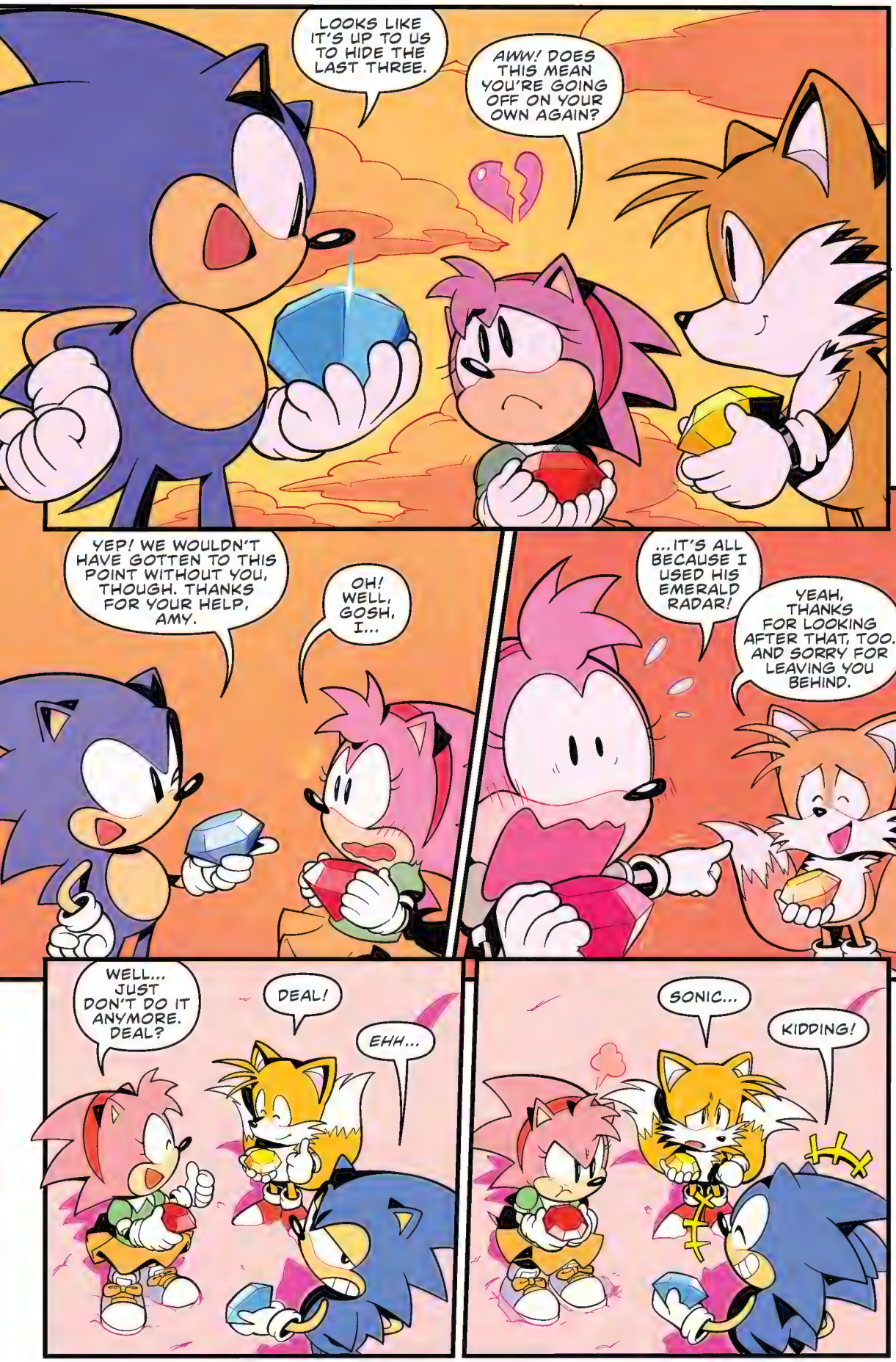
YOU'RE TECHNICALLY RIGHT.
THE BEST KIND OF RIGHT.
AND YOU WERE EFFECTIVE UP UNTIL YOUR BETRAYAL...

...OH-HO-HO! CAN I MAKE AN EVIL ROBOT OR WHAT? YOU CAN HAVE YOUR OLD JOB BACK!
THANK YOU, DOCTOR.
AND YOU'RE GETTING A SOFTWARE PATCH TO MAKE SURE THIS DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN.
...OF COURSE.
EXCELLENT! NOW THAT ALL THAT'S SETTLED...
...DESTROY THESE FOOLS AND BRING ME THE CHAOS EMERALDS!

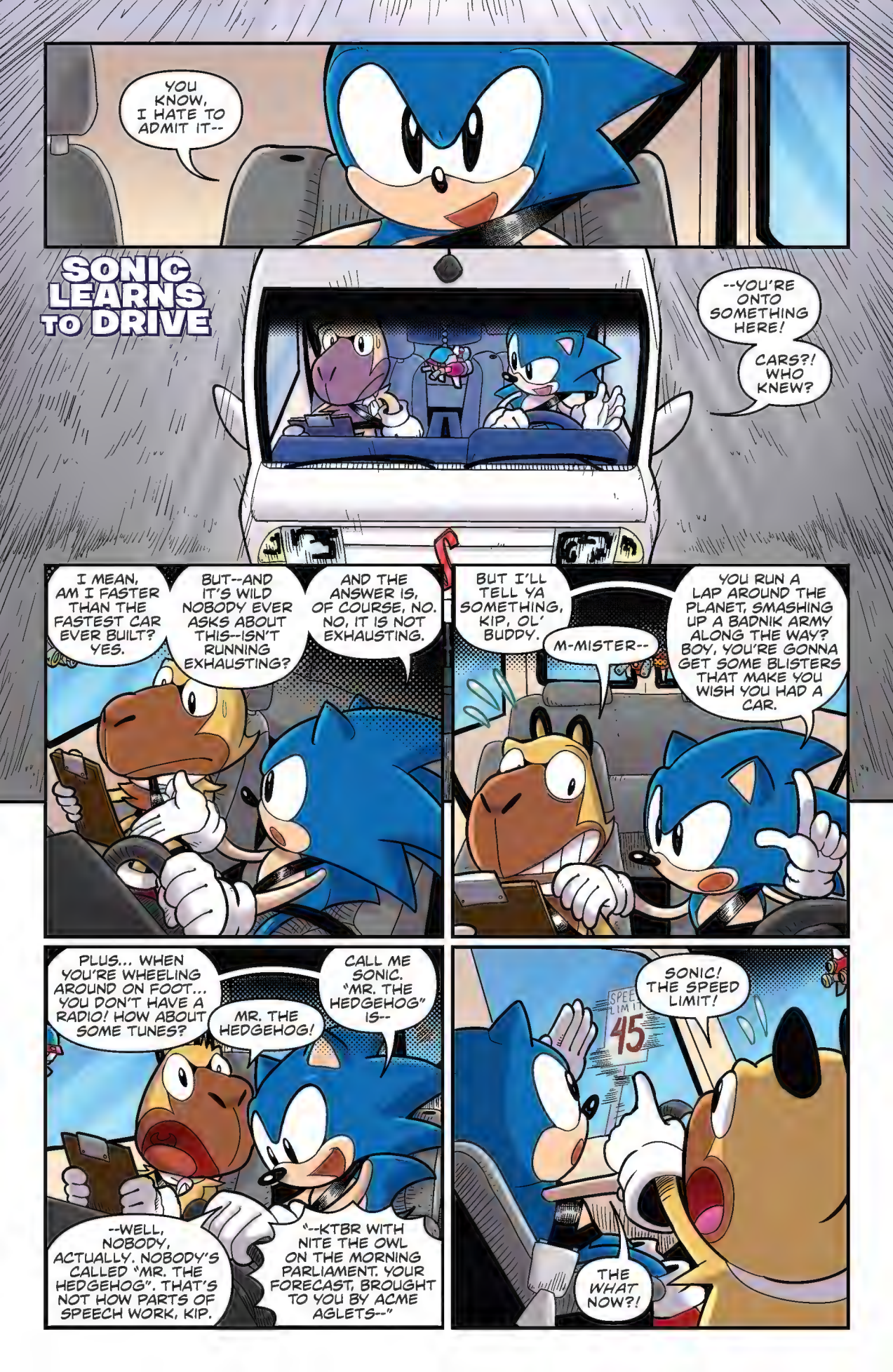
WHERE IS EVERYONE?
APOLOGIES, SIR. THEY MUST HAVE LEFT WHILE YOU WERE THREATENING ME.
WELL THEN MARSHAL MY FORCES AND TRACK THEM DOWN! THEY CAN'T HAVE GOTTEN FAR!
APOLOGIES, SIR. YOU HAD THEM DESTROY ALL THE BADNIKS WHILE INVADING MY BASE. YOUR BASE.
METAL SONIC! METAL KNUCKLES! CHASE THEM DOWN AND--EH?!
APOLOGIES, SIR. AFTER EMERALD-HUNTING NON-STOP, FIGHTING EVERYONE AND MY EMPOWERED SELF, THEY'VE RUN OUT OF ENERGY.
THIS HAS BEEN AN AWFUL DAY. MAKE ME A GRILLED CHEESE.
APOLOGIES, SIR. I AM HEAVY KING. NOT HEAVY CHEF.


EH, BRUSH-FACE PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE HONORED THE DEAL ANYWAY.
THIS IS WORTH MORE THAN ANYTHING HE'D EVER GIVE US!
THANK YOU FOR LOANING ME YOUR SCARF. I'LL BE FINE UNTIL I GET HOME.
YOU'RE REALLY A BIG SWEETIE DEEP DOWN, AREN'T YOU?
ALL RIGHT, YOU MOOKS! ON TO GLORY, FORTUNE... AND A GOOD MECHANIC!
HUH. FANG NEVER ENDED UP GIVING ME A NICKNAME.
PROBABLY WOULD'VE BEEN "KNUCKLE-HEAD."
HOW DO YOU FIGURE?
BECAUSE... NEVERMIND.

WHATEVER. I'M TAKING THIS EMERALD WITH ME. MAKE IT HARDER FOR EGGMAN TO FIND THEM ALL AGAIN THAT WAY.
COOL. AND THE MASTER EMERALD WILL HAVE A LITTLE SIBLING!
YOU'RE WEIRD. ANYWAY, LATER.
SEE YOU AROUND.
WHAT'S NEXT FOR YOU GUYS?
BACK TO TRAINING TO BE THE BEST I CAN BE.
AND MAYBE ANOTHER ADVENTURE OR TWO?
SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN, LITTLE BUDDY.
AND WE'LL HELP SPLIT UP THE EMERALDS. CHEERS, KIDDO!
SAFE TRAVELS!


LOOKS LIKE IT'S UP TO US TO HIDE THE LAST THREE.
AWW! DOES THIS MEAN YOU'RE GOING OFF ON YOUR OWN AGAIN?
YEP! WE WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN TO THIS POINT WITHOUT YOU, THOUGH. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP, AMY.
OH! WELL, GOSH, I...
...IT'S ALL BECAUSE I USED HIS EMERALD RADAR!
YEAH, THANKS FOR LOOKING AFTER THAT, TOO. AND SORRY FOR LEAVING YOU BEHIND.
WELL... JUST DON'T DO IT ANYMORE. DEAL?
DEAL!
EHH...
SONIC...
KIDDING!

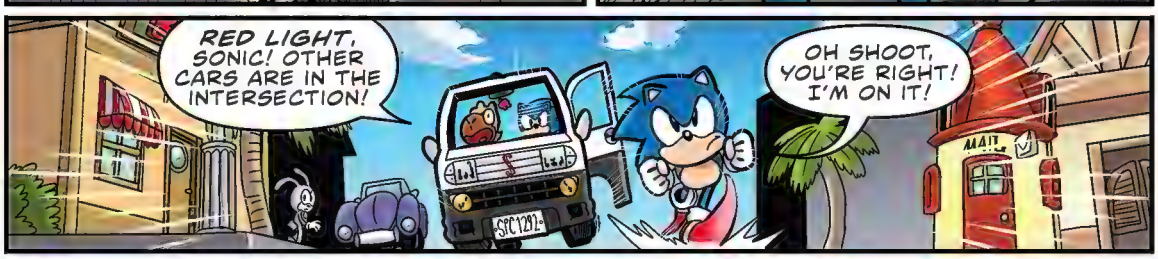
UNTIL NEXT TIME!
DON'T BE A STRANGER!
BYE, SONIC!
END.

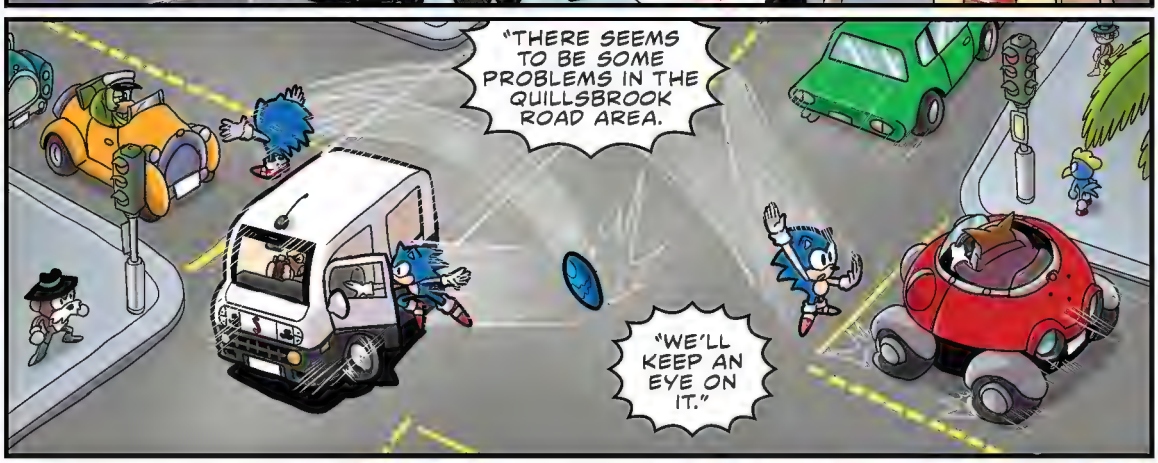

YOU KNOW, I HATE TO ADMIT IT--
SONIC LEARNS TO DRIVE
--YOU'RE ONTO SOMETHING HERE!
CARS?! WHO KNEW?
I MEAN, AM I FASTER THAN THE FASTEST CAR EVER BUILT? YES.
BUT--AND IT'S WILD NOBODY EVER ASKS ABOUT THIS--ISN'T RUNNING EXHAUSTING?
AND THE ANSWER IS, OF COURSE, NO. NO, IT IS NOT EXHAUSTING.
BUT I'LL TELL YA SOMETHING, KIP, OL' BUDDY.
M-MISTER--
YOU RUN A LAP AROUND THE PLANET, SMASHING UP A BADNIK ARMY ALONG THE WAY? BOY, YOU'RE GONNA GET SOME BLISTERS THAT MAKE YOU WISH YOU HAD A CAR.
PLUS... WHEN YOU'RE WHEELING AROUND ON FOOT... YOU DON'T HAVE A RADIO! HOW ABOUT SOME TUNES?
MR. THE HEDGEHOG!
CALL ME SONIC. "MR. THE HEDGEHOG" IS--
--WELL, NOBODY, ACTUALLY. NOBODY'S CALLED "MR. THE HEDGEHOG". THAT'S NOT HOW PARTS OF SPEECH WORK, KIP.
"--KTBR WITH NITE THE OWL ON THE MORNING PARLIAMENT. YOUR FORECAST, BROUGHT TO YOU BY ACME AGLETS--"
SPEED LIMIT 45
SONIC! THE SPEED LIMIT!
THE WHAT NOW?!

THE SPEED LIMIT! IT DICTATES HOW FAST YOU'RE ALLOWED TO DRIVE IN A GIVEN AREA!
OH! WHAT WILL THEY THINK OF NEXT?
GUESS I'LL... STOP... HITTING THE GAS SO MUCH?
AND THE CAR WILL EVENTUALLY... NOT BE FAST, ANYMORE?!
SORRY, KIP. WE'RE IN UNCHARTED WATERS HERE.
...
THE BRAKES, SONIC.
THE BRAKES MAKE THE CAR STOP.
OH, WOW! OKAY! I THOUGHT THAT WAS THE TURBO PEDAL OR SOMETHING!
THERE'S... THERE'S NO TURBO PEDAL, SONIC.
WE'RE IN A NORMAL CAR.
MY NORMAL CAR.
RIGHT, YEAH! NO, I GET IT NOW, TOTALLY.
HERE WE GO.
TIME TO SLOW THINGS RIGHT ON DOWN.
YES. PLEASE.
YOU'RE... GOING TO HAVE TO PRESS HARDER THAN THAT.
HERE'S THE WEIRD THING, KIP, I'M TRYING TO. I SWEAR.
SHOULD TOUCHING IT MAKE ME SICK?

"HERE'S YOUR TRAFFIC UPDATE, BROUGHT TO YOU BY TOON'S FESTOONS, FOR THE BEST IN FESTOONERY--"
MR. SONIC, IF YOU DON'T MIND MY ASKING--
QUILLSBROOK ROAD
--WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

LEARNING TO DRIVE, OF COURSE!
WITH MY NEW FRIEND AND MENTOR, KIP THE CAPYBARA!
THE BEST DRIVING INSTRUCTOR IN THE BIZ!
:SIGH:

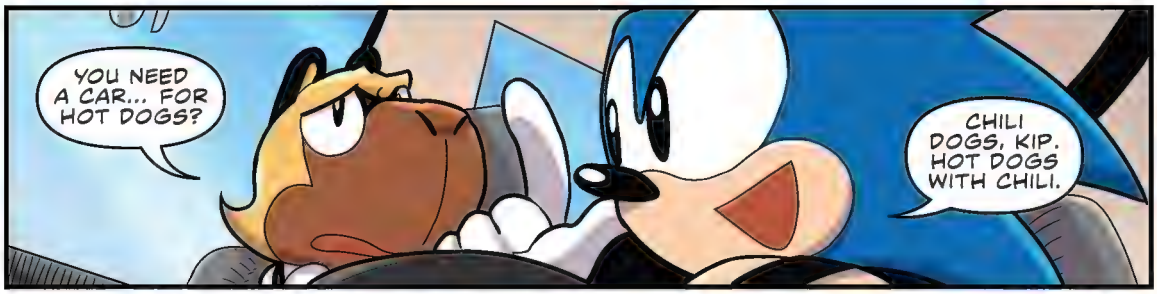

RED LIGHT, SONIC! OTHER CARS ARE IN THE INTERSECTION!
OH SHOOT, YOU'RE RIGHT! I'M ON IT!

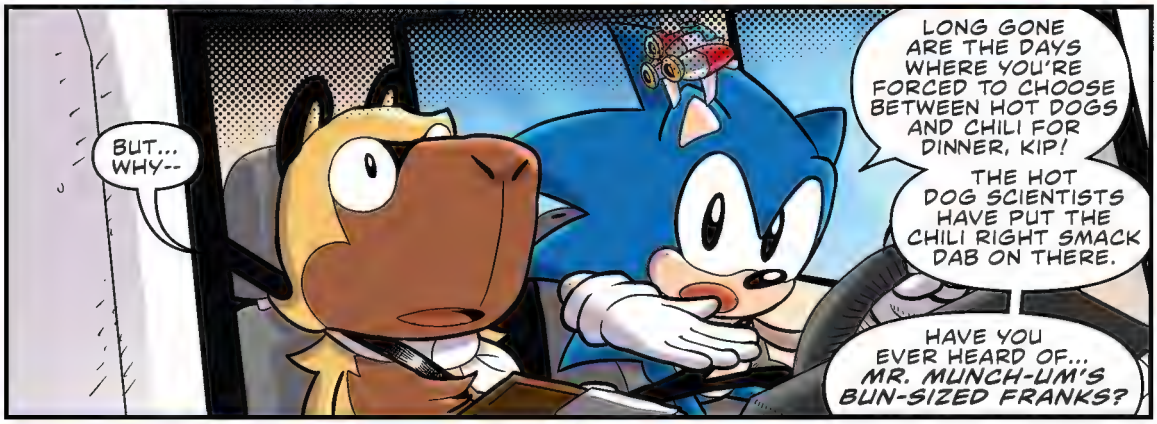

"THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME PROBLEMS IN THE QUILLSBROOK ROAD AREA.
"WE'LL KEEP AN EYE ON IT."

WHY ARE YOU LEARNING TO DRIVE, SONIC? WHAT DO YOU NEED A CAR FOR?
OH! RIGHT, THAT'S EASY.

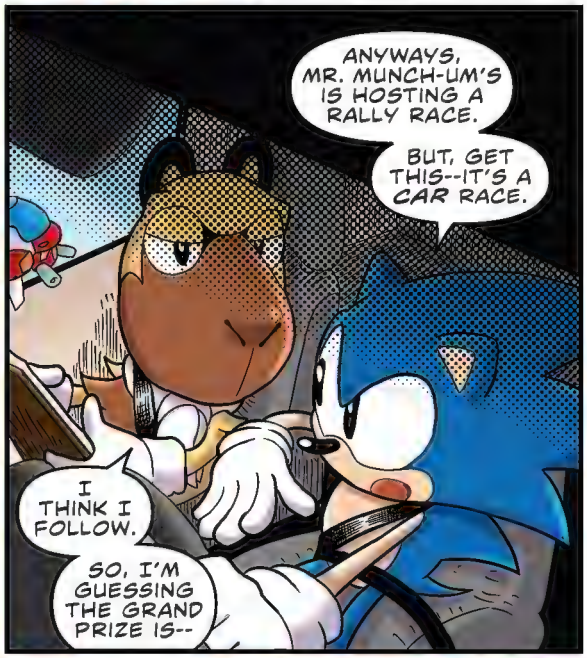
TWO WORDS, KIP, ONE OF WHICH IS REALLY LONG AND DRAWN OUT, FOR EMPHASIS.

CHILI DAWWWGSSSS.


YOU NEED A CAR... FOR HOT DOGS?
CHILI DOGS, KIP. HOT DOGS WITH CHILI.


BUT... WHY--
LONG GONE ARE THE DAYS WHERE YOU'RE FORCED TO CHOOSE BETWEEN HOT DOGS AND CHILI FOR DINNER, KIP!
THE HOT DOG SCIENTISTS HAVE PUT THE CHILI RIGHT SMACK DAB ON THERE.
HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF... MR. MUNCH-UM'S BUN-SIZED FRANKS?

THEY'RE THE BEST CHILI DOGS ON THE PLANET!
THEY GET THE CHILI TO DOG RATIO SO RIGHT!


ANYWAYS, MR. MUNCH-UM'S IS HOSTING A RALLY RACE.
BUT, GET THIS--IT'S A CAR RACE.
I THINK I FOLLOW.
SO, I'M GUESSING THE GRAND PRIZE IS--

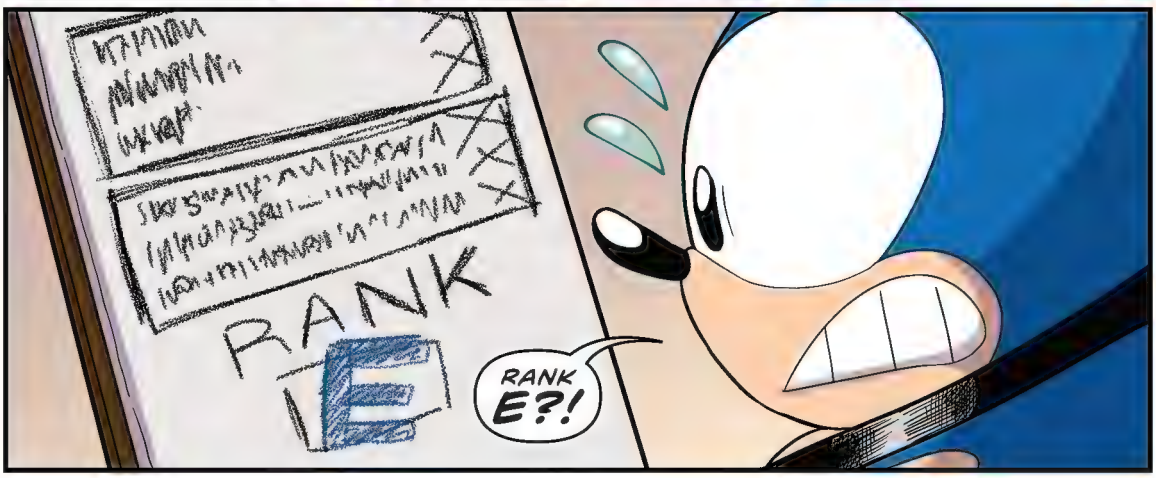
--CHILI DAWGSSS.

SPECIFICALLY, A "LIFETIME'S SUPPLY" OF CHILI DOGS.
I STILL NEED TO CLARIFY WHAT THAT MEANS-- LIKE, THE NUMBER OF CHILI DOGS I PLAN TO CONSUME IN MY LIFETIME IS PROBABLY SIGNIFICANTLY LARGER THAN AVERAGE.
UH-HUH.

I'M NOT TRYING TO TAKE DRIVING LESSONS TO WIN A RALLY RACE TO EARN, LIKE, FIFTY CHILI DOGS A YEAR.
I COULD KNOCK THOSE OUT OVER A WEEKEND.
Music Maker
Cruiser

UH, KIP? ARE YOU DOING A SUDOKU OR SOMETHING?
'CAUSE IT'S REALLY PUTTING THE KIBOSH ON THIS CONVERSATION.

NOT A SUDOKU.
IT'S YOUR DRIVING EVALUATION.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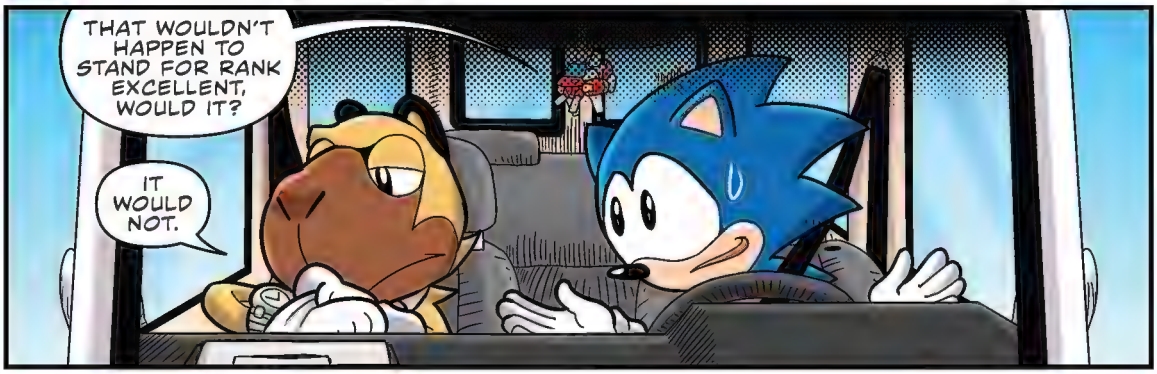
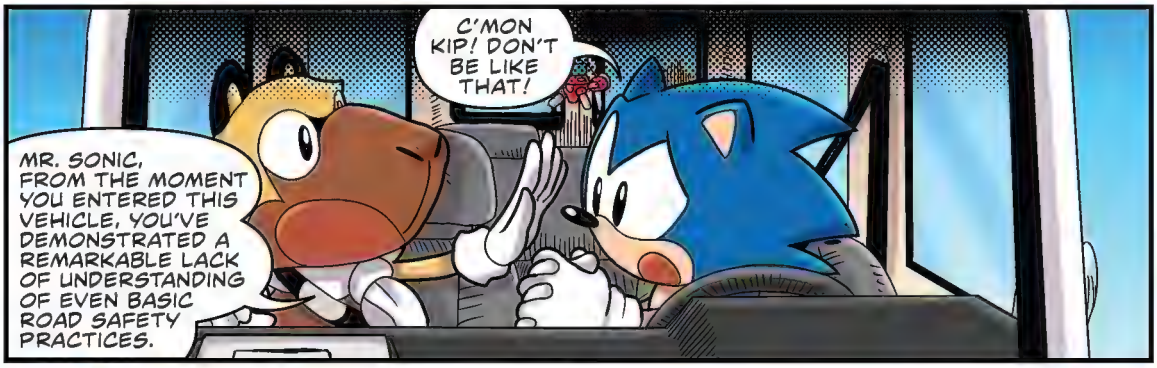
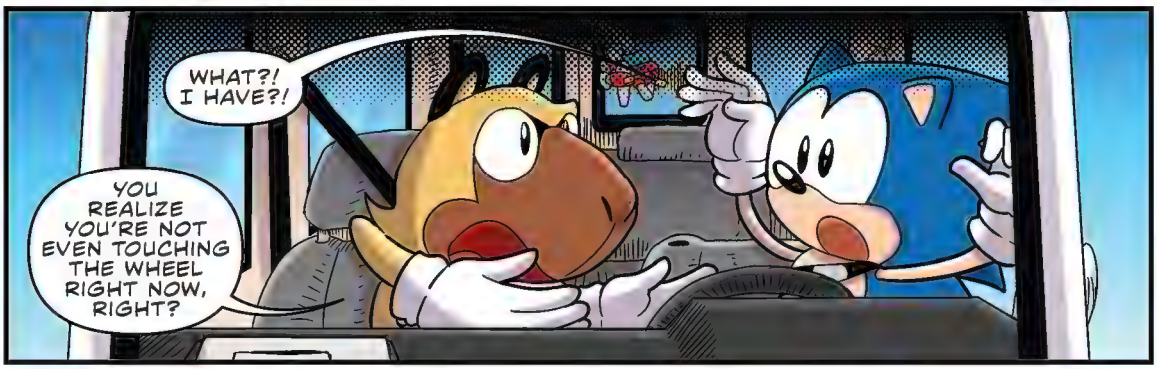
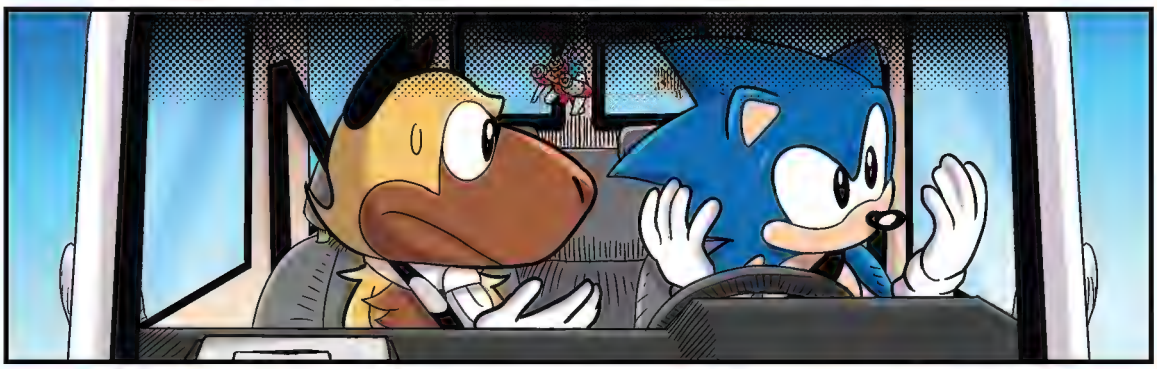
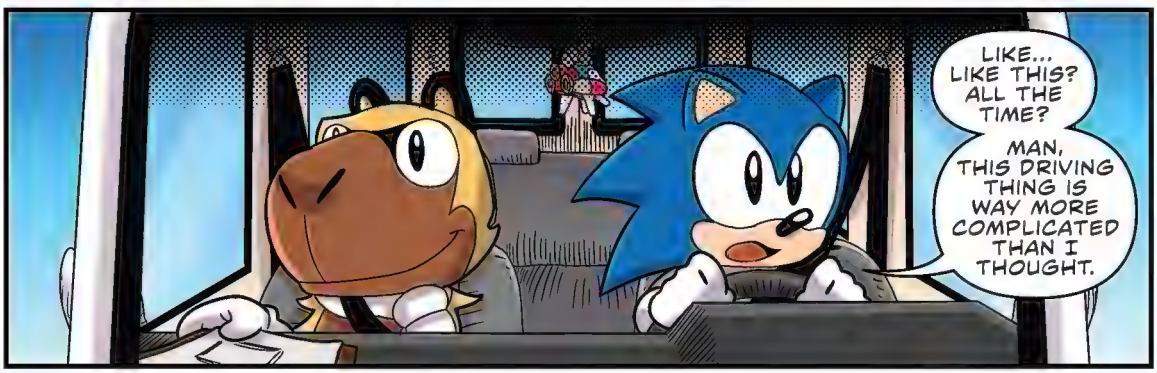
RANK E?!


THAT WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO STAND FOR RANK EXCELLENT, WOULD IT?
IT WOULD NOT.


C'MON KIP! DON'T BE LIKE THAT!
MR. SONIC, FROM THE MOMENT YOU ENTERED THIS VEHICLE, YOU'VE DEMONSTRATED A REMARKABLE LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OF EVEN BASIC ROAD SAFETY PRACTICES.


WHAT?! I HAVE?!
YOU REALIZE YOU'RE NOT EVEN TOUCHING THE WHEEL RIGHT NOW, RIGHT?



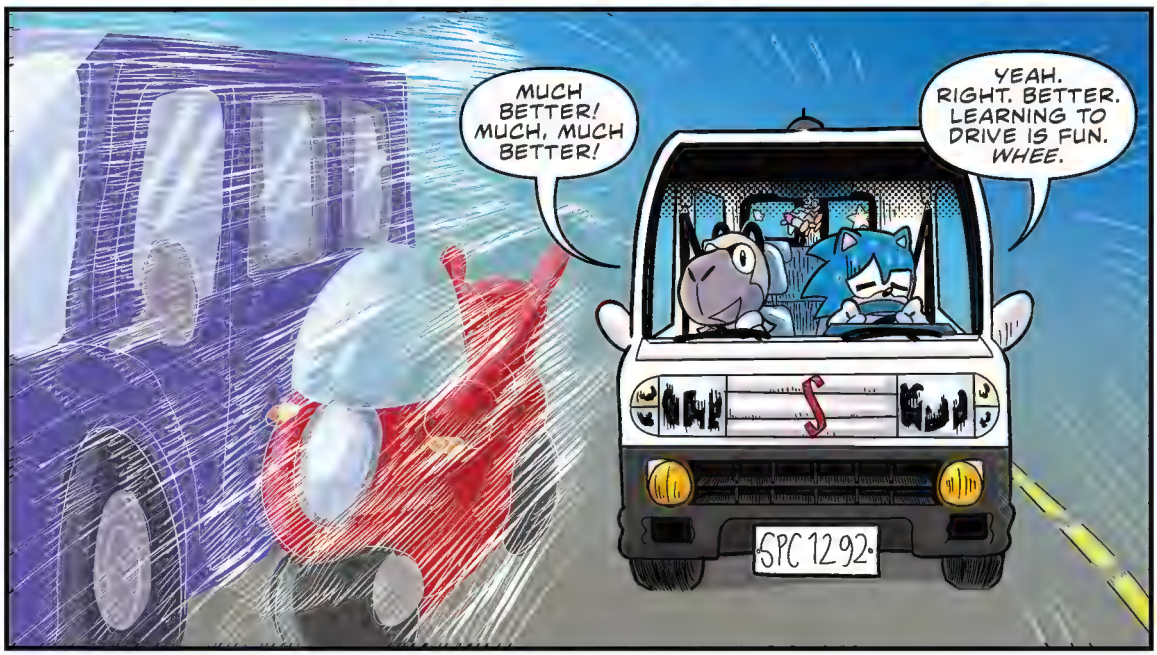

LIKE... LIKE THIS? ALL THE TIME?
MAN, THIS DRIVING THING IS WAY MORE COMPLICATED THAN I THOUGHT.

GOOD! OKAY, NOW WE'RE GETTING SOMEWHERE.
SPEED LIMIT 50

SCHOOL ZONE'S COMING UP. LET'S MAKE USE OF THOSE BRAKES, HUH?
URGH. IT GOES SLOWER?!

ON YOUR LEFT!
DON'T FORGET YOUR TURN SIGNAL!
RIGHT... THEY CAN'T JUST HEAR ME YELL...

REMEMBER, TWO CAR'S LENGTH FROM THE CAR IN FRONT!
WE'RE SHARING THE ROAD, RIGHT?


MUCH BETTER! MUCH, MUCH BETTER!
YEAH. RIGHT. BETTER. LEARNING TO DRIVE IS FUN. WHEE.
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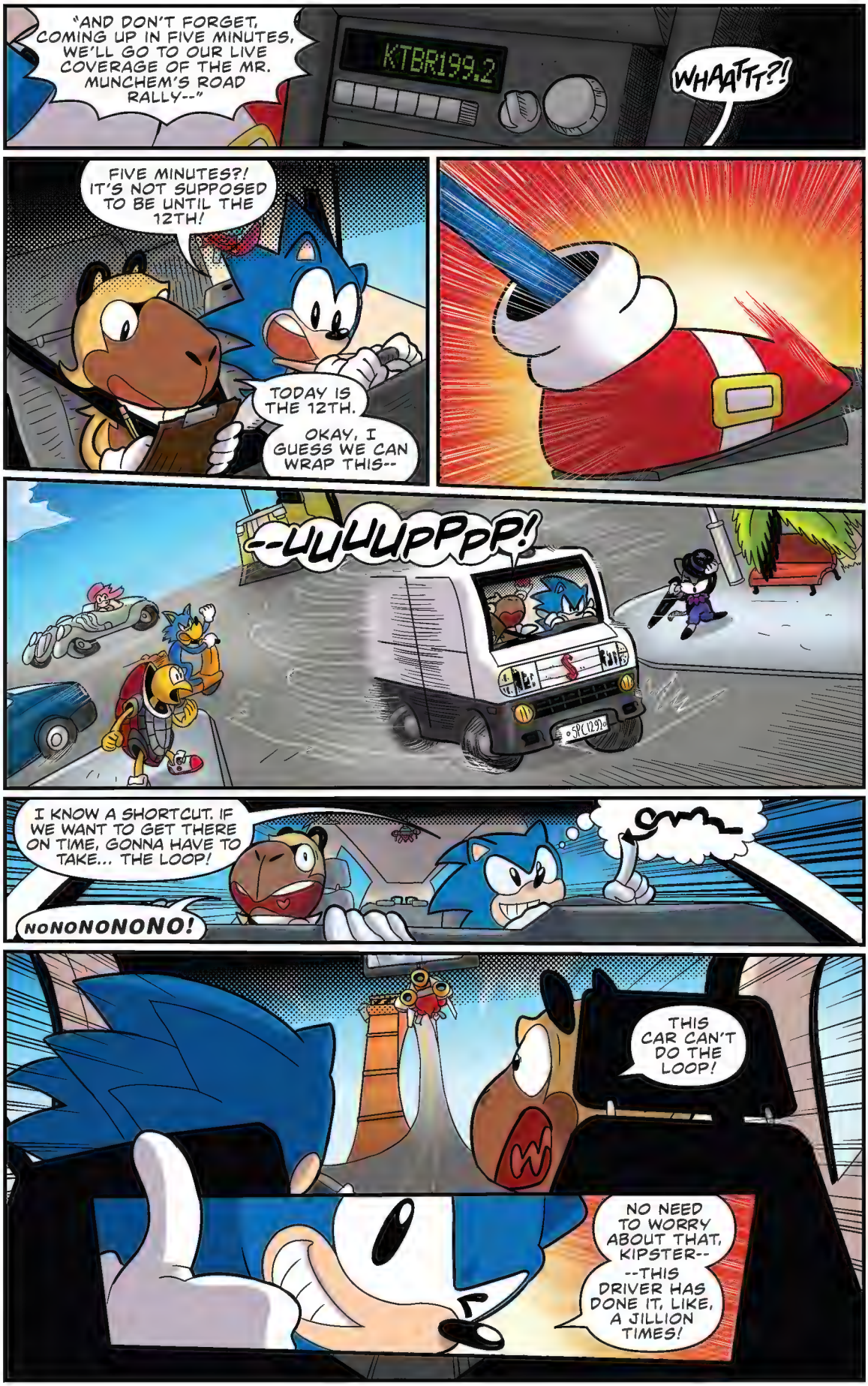
"AND DON'T FORGET, COMING UP IN FIVE MINUTES, WE'LL GO TO OUR LIVE COVERAGE OF THE MR. MUNCHEM'S ROAD RALLY--"
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WHAATTT?!
FIVE MINUTES?! IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE UNTIL THE 12TH!
TODAY IS THE 12TH.
OKAY, I GUESS WE CAN WRAP THIS--
--UUUUPPPP!
I KNOW A SHORTCUT. IF WE WANT TO GET THERE ON TIME, GONNA HAVE TO TAKE... THE LOOP!
NONONONONO!
THIS CAR CAN'T DO THE LOOP!
NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THAT, KIPSTER--
--THIS DRIVER HAS DONE IT, LIKE, A JILLION TIMES!

M. ADAMS SCHOOLHOUSE
POPCORN SHOP
BLAST
SPC 1292
SEE? NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, EVERYTHING'S GOING GREAT!
"BAD NEWS, EVERYBODY..."
UFO LABYRINTH
...THE MR. MUNCH-EM'S ROAD RALLY IS BEING POSTPONED--
--BECAUSE, ACROSS TOWN, DR. EGGMAN IS ATTACKING THE CITY!
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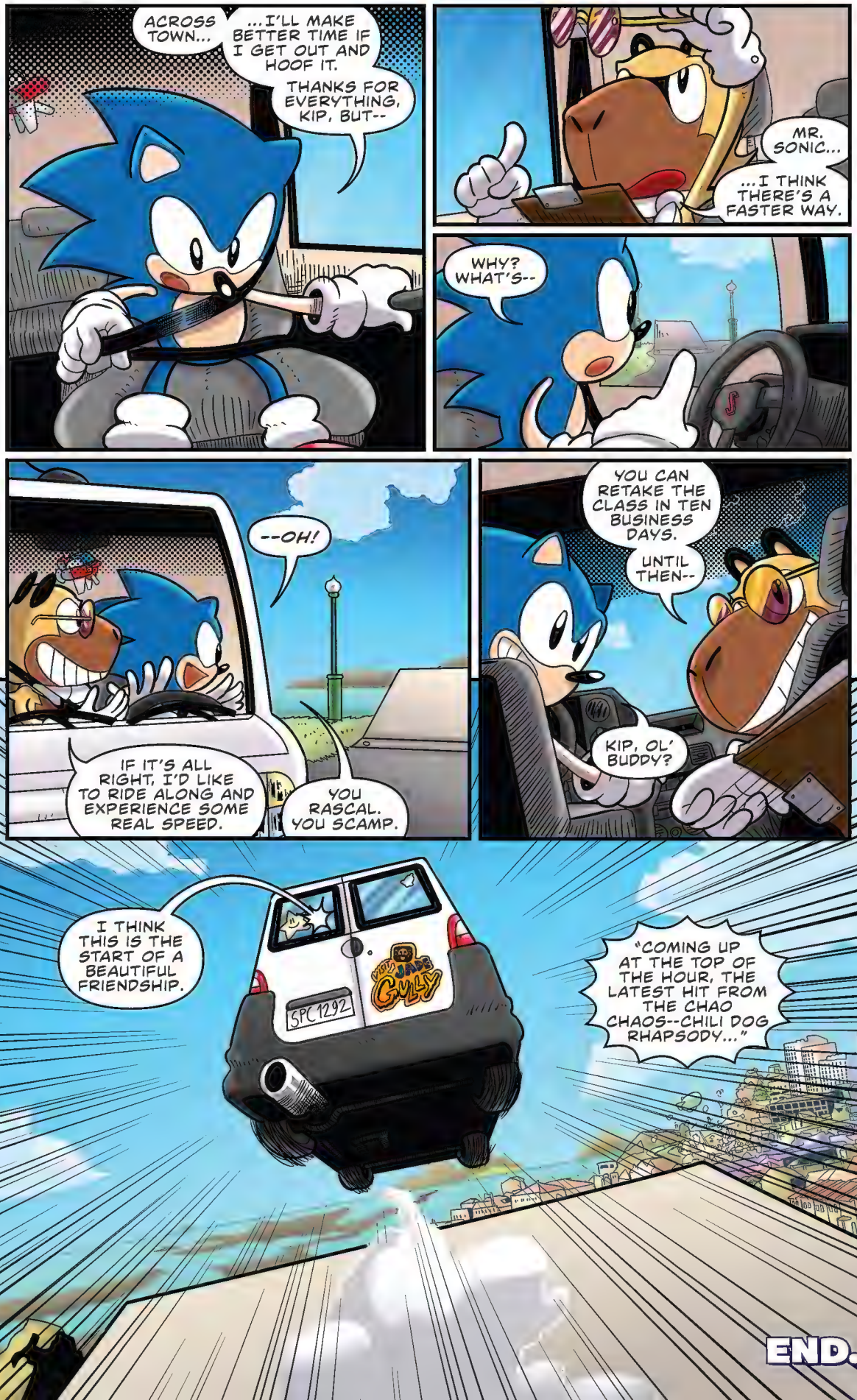
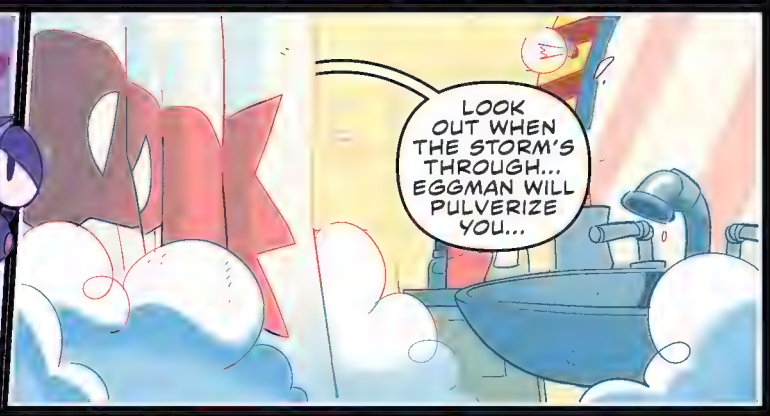
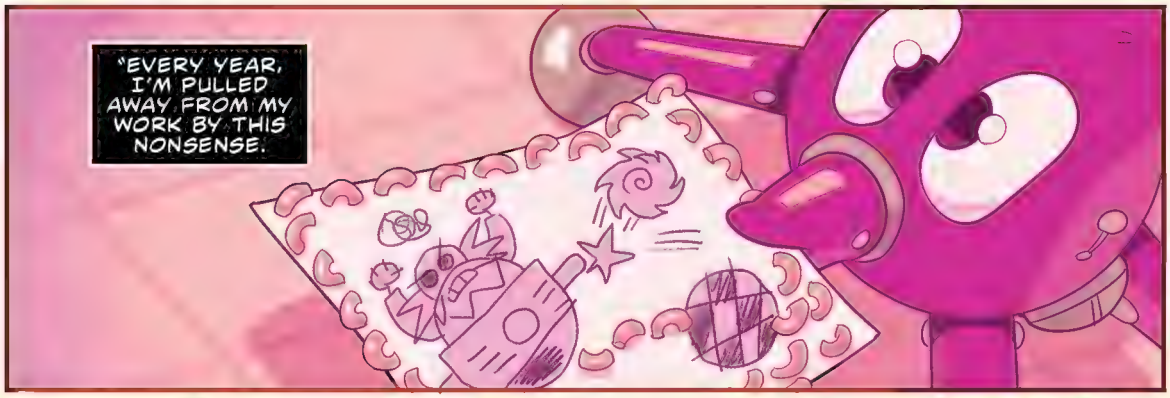
SCREEECH


ACROSS TOWN...
...I'LL MAKE BETTER TIME IF I GET OUT AND HOOF IT.
THANKS FOR EVERYTHING, KIP, BUT--
MR. SONIC...
...I THINK THERE'S A FASTER WAY.
WHY? WHAT'S--
--OH!
IF IT'S ALL RIGHT, I'D LIKE TO RIDE ALONG AND EXPERIENCE SOME REAL SPEED.
YOU RASCAL. YOU SCAMP.
YOU CAN RETAKE THE CLASS IN TEN BUSINESS DAYS.
UNTIL THEN--
KIP, OL' BUDDY?
I THINK THIS IS THE START OF A BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP.
5PC 1292
JADE GULLY
"COMING UP AT THE TOP OF THE HOUR, THE LATEST HIT FROM THE CHAO CHAOS--CHILI DOG RHAPSODY..."
END.

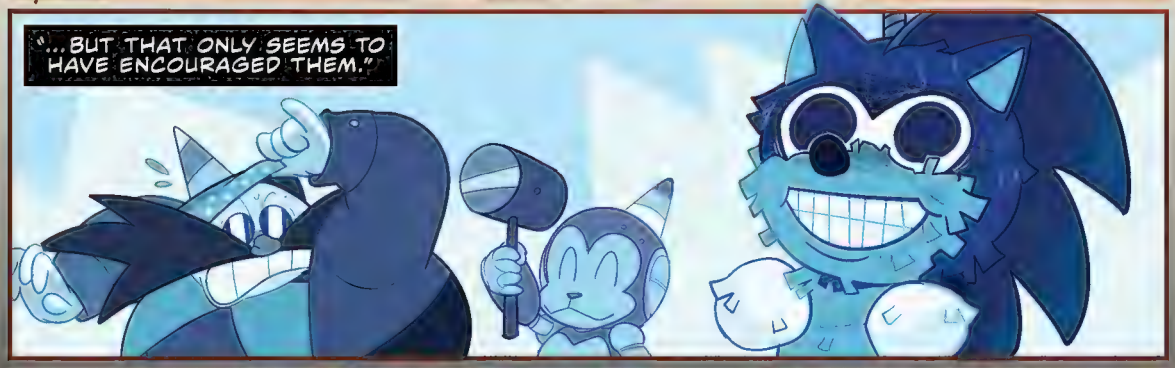
DR. EGGMAN'S BIRTHDAY



ANOTHER BLASTED YEAR. AND WHAT DO I HAVE TO SHOW FOR IT? NOTHING.
LESS THAN NOTHING.
BOSS
I'M MUCH MORE HANDSOME THAN THIS.


"EVERY YEAR, I'M PULLED AWAY FROM MY WORK BY THIS NONSENSE.

"I'VE TOLD THE FOOLS TIME AND TIME AGAIN TO KNOCK IT OFF...


"...BUT THAT ONLY SEEMS TO HAVE ENCOURAGED THEM."

WELL, THEN, LET'S GET IT OVER WITH.

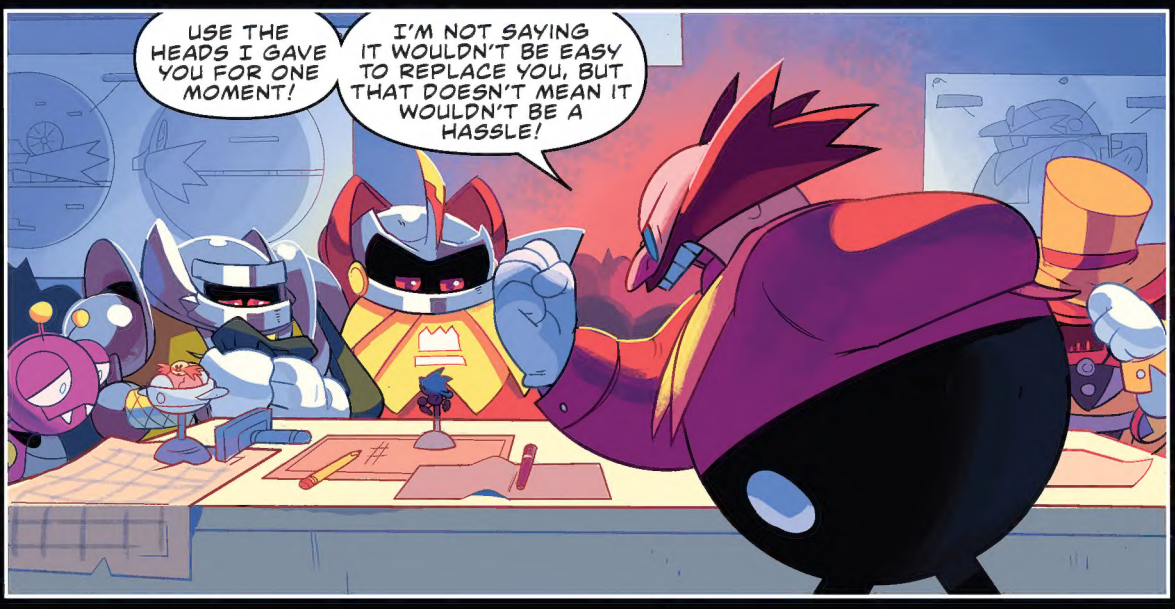
ALWAYS WATCHING.
DO NOT WASH HANDS
YOU ARE A ROBOT.
Open mic night!
A SURPRISE PARTY.

I'M ON TO YOU!
COME OUT--
--AND--
--GET BACK TO WORK!
THEY CAN'T BE SERIOUS.

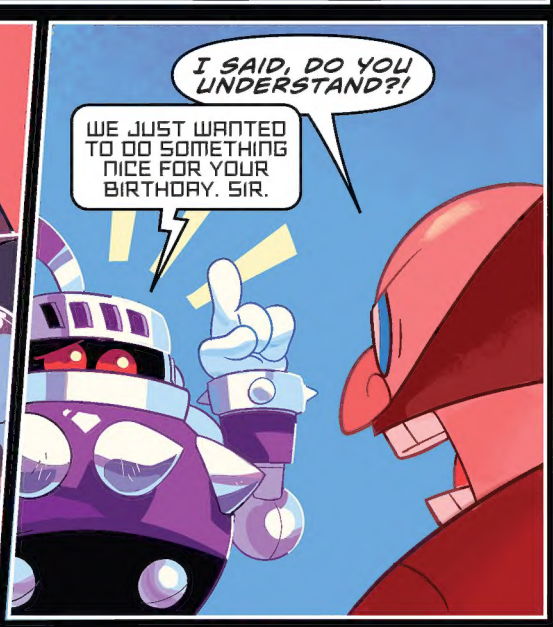
ABORT, YOU NINCOM-POOPS!
LAUNCH SEQUENCE COMPLETE
RETURN TO BASE IMMEDIATELY!
FOR EGGMAN'S BIRTHDAY!
DEFEAT SONIC!
YOU AREN'T EQUIPPED TO DEAL WITH SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!
FWOOOOOO

CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF ME, HUH!
FOR EGGMAN!
FOR HIS BIRTHDAY!
STAND DOWN!
ATTAC--
WELL, YOUR BOSS MISCALCULATED ON THIS ONE! IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN--

RETURN TO BASE IMMEDIATELY, OR I'LL OVERWRITE ALL OF YOUR CIRCUITS!
BUT--
WHAT DID YOU THINK YOU WERE GOING TO DO DOWN HERE? YOU'RE BARELY EVEN ARMED! I DID NOT AUTHORIZE THIS!
DID THEY SAY IT WAS EGGMAN'S... BIRTHDAY?
GO, BEFORE I DECIDE TO BREAK YOU DOWN FOR PARTS! FOOLS!
I'LL GET YOU YET, HEDGEHOG.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, EGGHEAD.
UGHHH.


USE THE HEADS I GAVE YOU FOR ONE MOMENT!
I'M NOT SAYING IT WOULDN'T BE EASY TO REPLACE YOU, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN IT WOULDN'T BE A HASSLE!

DO YOU UNDERSTAND?!


I SAID, DO YOU UNDERSTAND?!
WE JUST WANTED TO DO SOMETHING NICE FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY, SIR.

WE KNOW THAT WE DON'T USUALLY... GET IT RIGHT. AND, WELL...

...YOU DESERVE NICE THINGS.
!
!!

I...

HAVING YOU AROUND...
...IS ADEQUATE.
BUT I WILL REPLACE YOU IN AN INSTANT IF YOU TRY ANYTHING LIKE THAT AG--
BRING OUT THE CAKE!
WHAT DID I JUST--
!!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
!!
ANOTHER YEAR.
:SIGH:
END

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